

CHURCH-STATE STUDY ASKED— SBC Committee Meets

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted here to request a systematic study of the issue of separation of church and state to assist in the current two-year Baptist Education Study Task (BEST).

The Executive Committee asked "for more systematic information on church-state relations to be provided by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs," with

offices in Washington, D.C. The request suggested that the study be carried forward as far as possible by January of 1967 to aid the 24 regional seminars as a part of the two-year BEST study, and that the project be continued until completed for general use.

Earlier, the 58-member SBC Executive Committee heard a lengthy report of the BEST Findings Committee's analysis of the results of the first national study conference.

The conference was held in Nashville, June 13-16, but the Findings Committee report was not developed and released until the September 20 Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee, however, took no action on the complete Findings Committee report, approving only the request that the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs make the study of church-state relations concerning all Baptist institutions.

In other major business actions, the Executive Committee authorized a committee study on the possibility of establishing a new capital needs program for the convention; adopted two resolutions commending the new Annuity Board benefit programs; approved provisions for increasing endowments of SBC seminaries with less than \$500,000 in endowment; authorized Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., to negotiate a self-liquidating loan for building expansion; allocated up to \$25,000 for completion of the Baptist Education Study Task; and authorized increase in the funds available from the SBC Home Mission Board for church extension loans.

The Executive Committee reported that its administrative

U.S. SENATE REJECTS PRAYER AMENDMENT

By Beth Hayworth
WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Senate rejected Sen. Everett M. Dirksen's (R., Ill.) effort to amend the Constitution of the United States to authorize schools and other government institutions to permit or provide for "voluntary" prayers in public schools.

Dirksen offered his prayer proposal as an amendment to a UNICEF resolution, designating Halloween as United Nations Educational Day.

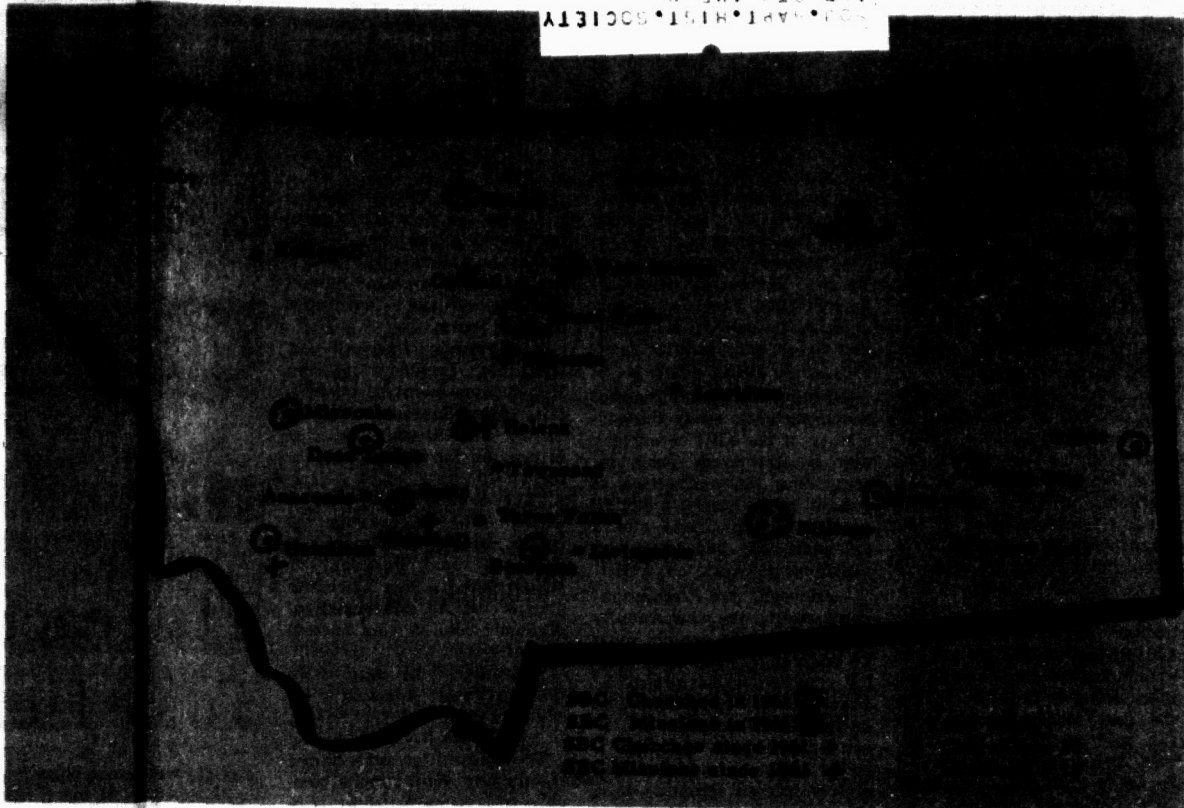
The Senate also refused to adopt Sen. Birch Bayh's (D., Ind.) resolution to give the "sense of Congress" on the Supreme Court's ruling

against compulsory prayers and Bible reading in the public school.

Bayh's resolution was offered as a substitute for the Dirksen "prayer" proposal. It would have had no legal effect.

Bayh's substitute proposal would have authorized the president to proclaim Thanksgiving day as National Prayer and Meditation Week. It also set forth an interpretation of the Supreme Court decisions which he claimed would clarify the confusion in the nation.

The vote on the Bayh resolution was defeated 52 to 33. (Continued on page 7)



THE GROWTH of Southern Baptist work in Montana is illustrated on the map above. In 1961 there were 21 churches and one mission and by 1966 the number had grown to 30 churches and 10 missions.

Montana Anniversary Set

The fifth anniversary of Mississippi Baptist mission endeavor in Montana will be observed during the seventh annual meeting of the Montana Baptist Fellowship to be held at First Southern Church in Great Falls Oct. 10-11.

Several Mississippi Baptists will attend the historic meeting, with most of these to have parts on program.

These include: Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Dr. David R. Grant, Jackson; Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs; Rev. Jim O'Hara, Columbia; Rev. D. E. Fairley, Sunflower County; Claude Townsend, Florence; Clyde Townsend, Jackson, and Mrs. James Fancher, Florence who will represent the State WMU.

Southern Baptist work in Montana has shown substantial progress during the past five years, due in part to the effective assistance provided by Mississippi Baptists.

In 1961, the year that Mississippi Baptists initiated their program of pioneer missions in that state, there were 21 churches and 1 mission in the Montana Baptist Fellowship.

Today, as the map above shows, there are 30 churches and 10 missions.

Plans for the next five years will be emphasized at the Fellowship as well as a review of the progress of the past five years.

In evaluating these gains, it must be remembered that Montana is a pioneer mission field where distances are great. Southern Baptist work is comparatively new and where there are many discouragements and difficulties.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in 1961 "adopted" Montana as the pioneer mission state where it would

center its "over-and-above" mission program.

Mississippi Baptists actually assisted in the beginning of Southern Baptist work in the state when a student summer mission worker from the state conducted a religious survey in 1954 in Helena that led to the establishing of a mission in that city.

During the past five years a total of 200 individuals, including men, women and students, have gone to Montana to help in the work there in one capacity or another.

The board in 1961 appointed a Pioneer Missions Committee which has for its purpose that of sponsoring pioneer missions activities, with special emphasis on Montana.

Claude Townsend of Florence is chairman.

This committee has worked in close cooperation with the Brotherhood Department of the Convention Board which has served as the coordinating agency of the Missions Committee, especially in the promotion of the five crusades that have been conducted by Mississippi Baptist men.

Other departments of the Board have also cooperated with the Committee in its program, especially the Student Work and WMU.

The assistance rendered by Mississippi Baptists has been varied.

The laymen have made the

crusades at their own expense while in most cases the pastors who have gone have had their expenses paid by their own churches.

During these crusades the men witnessed in the churches and missions, gave testimonies, organized new missions and assisted in numerous other ways.

Baptist student summer workers from the state have rendered invaluable service to the churches and missions each summer.

They have served the churches in many ways, leading music, assisting in various educational activities, taking censuses, and often

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Board Approves Record Budget; Names Worker

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Monday adopted a record high Cooperative Program budget for 1966-67 and elected an associate to its Stewardship Department.

The proposed budget of \$3,470,000 which will be submitted to the State Convention in November for approval, is an increase of \$230,000 over the current budget of \$3,240,000.

The Board elected Rev. N. F. Greer, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Quitman, to the newly-created post of associate in the Stewardship Department. His decision will be announced later.

Rev. John Alexander is secretary of this department.

In other significant action the Board approved a recommendation of the Convention's Education Commission which would permit Blue Mountain College to borrow \$325,000 from private sources for the purpose of building a dormitory for 100 girls.

According to the action the school would mortgage only the building to secure the loan which would be self-liquidating.

The college would supplement the \$325,000 with \$125,000 from its share of capital needs funds.

The Education Commission

makes its report to the State Convention through the Convention Board, and this recommendation will be submitted to the Convention for final consideration.

The new budget is divided into three sections, Southern Baptist Convention causes, state causes and capital needs.

The new budget allocates \$1,145,000 for SBC causes, an increase of \$10,000 over the current amount of \$1,080,000.

The new budget designates \$1,890,000 for state causes, an increase of \$130,700 over the current figure of \$1,754,300.

Capital needs will receive \$435,000 from the new budget, an increase of \$19,000 over the \$416,500 allocated this year.

State Causes Up
In the section on state causes, Christian education, for the denomination's four colleges and one school of (Continued on page 3)

TU Teaching Clinics To Be Held Saturday

James Frost and the entire field services staff of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be in Mississippi Saturday of this week to assist the Mississippi Training Union Department in a series of teaching clinics.

These clinics are a vital part of Training Union Improvement Week, according to Kermit S. King, state director.

Training Union Improvement Week is a Mississippi program designed to enlist every association in the state to conduct a study program featuring the five new Training Union manuals published

this year. Four of the authors will be among those participating.

Meetings will be held at five points throughout the state Saturday with each clinic starting at 9:00 a.m. These will be at First Church, Tupelo; First Church, Philadelphia; Temple Church, Hattiesburg; First Church, Cleveland and First Church, Jackson.

People from all over the state who have been selected to teach in their own churches or associations have been urged to attend these regional teaching clinics. There will be a conference at each location (Continued on Page 2)

Bulletin

MOBILE, Ala.—Dr. Harold Seever, former pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church here, died Monday night of this week in his sleep at his home in this city.

He recently retired as pastor of the church due to the loss of his sight.

COOPERATIVE— Our Work In Montana

By Chester L. Quarles

Several years ago Dr. Willis Ray, then Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Colorado, invited the Mississippi Executive Secretary, Editor W. C. Fields, and Associate Executive Secretary Joe T. Odle to visit North Dakota and South Dakota and view the situation of Southern Baptist work started in those two states.

This was done immediately after the Chicago meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Later the Executive Secretary was invited to visit churches in North Dakota and Montana and preach in them. This was done immediately after speaking for a week in Kansas where the Secretary spoke daily in the week long Kansas Southern Baptist Assembly in Topeka.

Coming later (first made as a suggestion in a meeting at the Chicago Convention) was the setting up of a Convention Board Pioneer Missions Committee composed of laymen and pastors not necessarily members of the Convention Board, but men who were definitely interested in

pioneer work in the Northwest. This suggestion was agreed upon by leadership of the Home Mission Board, the Colorado General Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Pioneer Missions Committee was first set up in 1961 and was composed of: Murray Alexander, Sam Peeples, George Thornton, Fuller Saunders, Allen O. Webb, H. B. Allen, Charles Miller, chairman, Claude Townsend, Clyde C. Bryan, C. C. Randall, Owen Cooper, M. F. Rayburn, Cooper Walton, Howard Aultman, Earl Kelly. The present committee is: Charles L. Miller, Claude Townsend, chairman, Clyde C. Bryan, Johnny Lee Taylor, Ralph Herrin, Owen Cooper.

er, Eugene Polk, T. Cooper Walton, G. A. McCoy, L. R. Smith, Jr., Murray Alexander, Joe Odenwald, George Thornton, Otis Seal, and Allen O. Webb.

It was firmly agreed from the beginning that Mississippi Baptists would never fail to remember that this work was under the direction of the Colorado Convention and the Home Mission Board and that our efforts would be supplementary to theirs and with their approval. This policy has been strictly adhered to from the beginning.

It would take quite a bit of research to glean the names of all the laymen and pastors who have gone to Montana and rendered yeoman service.

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Montana-Mississippi Close Ties Are Cited

By Glen E. Braswell
Executive Secretary
Colorado General Baptist
Convention, Denver

I have had a personal interest in Montana since October of 1952. It was in that month and year that I first went to the state to conduct a mission revival in Billings, a city of approximately 80,000 people. At the time there was no Southern Baptist church in the city or state.

The mission was sponsored by the First Southern Baptist Church of Casper, Wyoming, some 300 miles south of Billings. O. R. Delmar was pastor of the sponsoring church. Mission members were from various states and engaged in varying trades and vocations. One family owned a ranch 72 miles west of Billings but were faithful in attendance.

The one week revival was conducted in rented facilities of a Seventh Day Adventist building. We never had more than 25 in attendance, but on Wednesday night a man united on promise of a letter from a Southern Baptist church in Washington, and his wife came for baptism

from another denomination.

At the close of the revival, the mission group asked me to become their pastor. Upon returning to the church I pastored in Texas, and after due consideration, I accepted the call of the mission group and moved my family to Billings, Montana, on December 5, 1952. The First Southern Baptist Church was organized on December 7, 1952, with 33 members. Our place of worship for a number of weeks (Continued on Page 2)

BSU Center To Be Dedicated

The newly-acquired Baptist Student Center building at East Central Junior College at Decatur will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9 at 3:00 o'clock.

The service of dedication will be led by Rev. Vernash May of Louisville, steering committee member.

Others to take part will include (Continued on page 7)

Better Relations With Others Seen

NASHVILLE (BP) — Improved relations and communications between Southern Baptists and other Christian groups in the world were cited by two Baptist denominational leaders during the annual Southern Baptist Convention Communications Conference here.

After four and one-half centuries of "cold and hot war" between Baptists and Catholics in particular, "a thaw has come," said C. Emmanuel Carlson of Washington, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Carlson, in an address on "Baptists and Christian Unity: Communication with Other Christian Groups," outlined the basic, biblical and spiritual bases for Christian unity, and listed ways that Christian groups in America are communicating with each other.

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THE LONG RANGE Christian Education Committee of the State Convention met at the Baptist Building in Jackson last week. Seated, from left: Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; Rev. D. C. Applegate, Starkville, vice-chairman; Dr. B. R. Smith, Yazoo City, chairman; Dr. Howard E. Spill, Clinton, recording secretary; Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs, co-official. Standing: Dr. O. P. Moore, Newton; Dr. Beverly Thoms, Northham; Dr. Bob Simmons, Northham; J. B. Young, Hattiesburg; Rev. C. B. Hamlet III, Hattiesburg; Horace Hendrick, Laurel; Dr. Bob N. Ramsey, Brookhaven; and Dr. David Grant, Jackson.

SBC Committee Meets

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tive and public relations committees were studying the possibility and advisability of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. The SBC meeting in Detroit last June asked the Executive Committee to do further study on the proposal.

An entire evening's session was devoted to the report of the Baptist Education Study Task Findings Committee, and to a panel discussion of the problems of both rural and urban churches caused by the migration of many Baptists from rural to urban areas.

The BEST Findings Committee report, a six-page printed document, gave the 18-member committee's "impressions that came out of the discussions of those attending the first national conference (as part of BEST) in June, 1966. The final report will not be made until the summer of 1967, after discussion by about 300 study groups in the winter of 1966-67 and after the meeting of the second national study conference, June 12-15, 1967."

Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Findings Committee, made the report, which listed in detail the problems that are facing Baptist higher education in seven specific areas: philosophy, religious scope, academic scope, the Christian college teacher, financing, college-denominational relationships, and academic freedom and responsibility.

The Findings Committee summarized and interpreted the opinions expressed in eight different sectional meetings of the June conference, each dealing with one of the seven areas listed above. Two sections dealt with financing Christian higher education.

"There was agreement by all the groups that there is urgent need for a clear statement of the philosophy, purposes, and objectives of Baptist higher education," the report said.

"All sections devoted some time to the controversial question of accepting funds for Baptist institutions from governmental sources," it continued.

The Findings Committee also reported: "It was the opinion of the majority of those studying college financing that in the several states the board of trustees of each institution should be recognized as having discretion in accepting or rejecting government aid, including loans and grants, provided that those accepted be free of unreasonable restrictions which would limit the operation of the institution as a church-related school."

"It was evident that equally honest and dedicated individuals held diametrically opposed positions," the report said. "There was a lack of specific knowledge of the facts in the area of church-state relations, and of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963."

In another summary statement, the Findings Committee said that "Although most of the reports (from the eight sections) reflected the opinion that Baptist higher education is a basic need of the denomination, there was considerable doubt in the minds of a few participants that there is strong commitment on this point among the majority of Baptists."

Although the lengthy report was summarized during the Executive Committee meeting, no action by the full committee was taken or expected on the entire report.

In two related actions, however, the Executive Committee approved up to \$25,000 in allocations to the Education Commission of the SBC to finance completion of BEST, and asked the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to assist in providing a factual study of the church-state separation issue.

Other actions of the Executive Committee included:

—Authorization for the SBC Home Mission Board to increase the percentage of its assets which may be pledged as collateral for loans to Baptist churches from 50 per cent to 75 per cent, making an additional \$5 million available to back church loans.

—Transfer of the Southern Baptist Foundation current assets in the SBC Operating budget in excess of \$500,000 at the beginning of each year, with provisions that income from this fund be distributed to SBC seminaries with less than \$500,000 endowment until their endowments reach that amount.

—Granted permission to Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., for a self-liquidating loan of \$11.1 million to expand hospital facilities up to \$22.3 million.

—Authorized appointment of a committee to study the possibility of the SBC entering a new capital needs program, requesting the committee to submit in February a definition of capital needs and a calendar and procedure for finishing its work by 1968.

—Adopted two resolutions commending the new Annuity Board program which must be adopted by each state Baptist convention, one urging all channels of communication be opened to acquaint Southern Baptists with the expanded provisions for disability and retirement benefits, and the other urging the state Baptist conventions to adopt the program.

—Approved a proposed 1967 Executive Committee operating budget of \$250,000, an increase of \$11,000 over the 1966 operating budget.

—Authorized appointment to the SBC Crusade of America committee H. Franklin Paschall, the current president of the SBC, his successor in office when elected, the program planning secretary of the Executive Committee, and the chairman of the Executive Committee.

—Allocated \$5,000 to Religion in American Life to help meet emergency needs in development of its program of reaching millions of Americans in free advertising space concerning spiritual values and the importance of church attendance.

—Authorized Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, to borrow up to \$40,000 from the SBC operating budget at no interest, provided it is repaid by the end

of 1968.

Prayer For Peace Urged
A plea for Baptists to pray for world peace was issued by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention during sessions of the Committee meeting here.

H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, president of the 10.7 million-member convention, asked Southern Baptists to join with Roman Catholics in praying for a just peace in the world.

"The Roman Catholic Church will be praying for peace during the month of October," said Paschall. "I should like to see Christian groups and all concerned individuals join in this special prayer."

"Together," he said, "we may achieve amazing results."

Routh Honored

The Committee interrupted its opening semi-annual business session here to pay tribute to Porter W. Routh of Nashville on his 15th anniversary as executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Four speakers came to the platform to praise the denomination's top executive, citing him as a man of impressive stature, a denominational statesman, and a respected and beloved leader.

Speakers included Harry P. Stagg, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico representing state Baptist convention leadership; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union representing SBC agency leaders; and Albert McClellan and W. C. Fields, both representing the Executive Committee staff.

Then the chairman of the Executive Committee's administrative sub-committee, R. Archie Ellis of Columbia, S. C., presented to Dr. and Mrs. Routh expressions of appreciation for his 15 years' service.

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was the Seventh Day Adventist church building.

O. R. Delmar resigned his pastorate in Casper, Wyoming, and became the first area missionary for Southern Baptists in Montana in January, 1933. He moved his family to Billings and began roaming the state as a true missionary whose major concern was to organize missions. He took the initiative in searching out places where a Baptist work could begin, found some interested people, secured a place to meet, and encouraged our church to sponsor new work.

Within five years the Billings church sponsored seven missions in Montana and two in Wyoming that became churches. The newly established churches had a missionary spirit and were eager to begin new work. By the close of 1939 there were 19 churches in the state.

Difficulties Seen
It is difficult for new churches to financially support new mission endeavor. It seems that God had an answer for an acute need by laying the mission needs of Montana on the hearts of Baptists in Mississippi. About five years ago Baptists of Mississippi began to assist in the "Big Sky" country of Montana.

Financial and personal assistance came from individual Baptists in Mississippi; some associations and a number of churches felt the need to help. On numerous occasions during the last five years, pastors and laymen from Mississippi went to Montana at their own expense to conduct revival meetings and share their Christian witness. Capable women traveled to the state to strengthen the work of Woman's Missionary Union.

Young people responded to the need and challenge and went as summer student missionaries to help in Vacation Bible Schools, serve as church secretaries, work in erecting new buildings, and supply the pulpits. Godly laymen gave generously of their means to purchase pianos, nursery equipment, pulpit furniture, and other necessary items. Some made loans

for the purchase of church sites and the erecting of first units.

None of the many things done by Mississippi Baptists would have been done apart from genuine love for Jesus Christ, a deep concern for missions, and a brotherly love that bridged the hundreds of miles between the two states.

As one who had the privilege of organizing the first Southern Baptist church in Montana and watching the work grow and now as executive secretary of the convention that includes Montana, I express thanks to Mississippi Baptists for being a "Big Brother" to Montana and the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

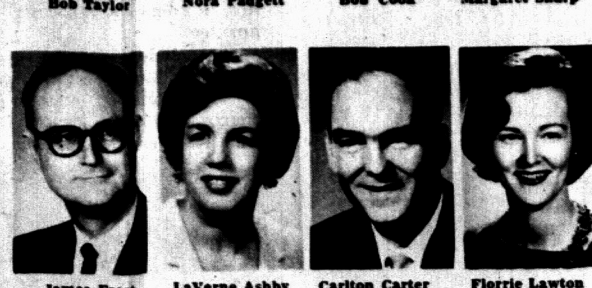
On October 10-11, about twenty men will make a trip to Montana to attend the Annual Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship on the Fifth Anniversary of the Montana-Mississippi relationship.

The dynamic gospel has never been more contemporary than it is today. Pray that we may be able to match these revolutionary times with this revolutionary gospel, at home and around the world.

—William R. O'Brien, Indiana.



GEORGIA-TEXAS EDITOR HONORED: John Jeter Hart Jr., (right), editor of the Christian Index in Atlanta, Ga., who is assuming the editorship of the Baptist Standard in Dallas, Tex., receives an engraved citation expressing appreciation for his 19 years as editor of the official Georgia Baptist weekly newspaper. Making the presentation is Louis D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta. The presentation was made during an appreciation dinner in Atlanta for Mr. and Mrs. Hart, left. (BP Photo)



TU Teaching Clinics To Be Held Saturday

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for those who will teach leadership courses in all age groups, Nursery, Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Young People, Adult, and General Officers.

The clinics are designed to interpret properly the content of the new manuals which in many circles have been called concept manuals and also to demonstrate effective teaching procedures and group learning processes.

James Frost, supervisor of the administration unit in the field services section of the Training Union Department,

will be directing studies in "The Training Program of a Church," written by Philip B. Harris. He will be in the clinic at Jackson.

Bob Cook, consultant in Adult work, and author of the new adult manual, "A Church Training Adults," will be in the clinic at Tupelo.

Carlton Carter, consultant in Young People's work, will represent the department in the clinic at Philadelphia. He is author of the new book for young people entitled "The Church Training Young People."

Bob Taylor, consultant in Intermediate work, author of the book "A Church Training Intermediates," will lead the Intermediate conference at Hattiesburg.

Miss Margaret Sharp, consultant in Junior work and author of the text for Junior workers throughout the convention territory will be a conference leader at Cleveland. Her book is entitled "A Church Training Juniors."

Miss LaVerne Ashby, author of "The Primary Leadership Manual" and consultant in Primary work will be part of the Tupelo teaching team.

Miss Nora Padgett, consultant in Beginner work, and author of "The Beginner Leadership Manual" will be at Hattiesburg.

Miss Florrie Ann Lawton will lead conferences for those who will teach Nursery workers in the clinic at Jackson. Miss Lawton is consultant in Nursery work.

Joining these outstanding workers will be some of the finest pastors, educational workers, and Training Union workers throughout the state to make up a complete teaching team for each regional clinic. All of these will be engaged in an orientation clinic at First Baptist Church, Clinton, prior to participation in the regional clinics.

This benefit, like the child's benefit, is payable during early or normal retirement, disability or under widow provisions.

Reed said the new program will also simplify participation and strengthen the overall program actuarially.

Only one certificate will be issued, although a member may participate in one of the two supplemental plans to build larger retirement benefits. "Neither will a member have to get a new certificate when he transfers from one state to another, as is now required," Reed said.

He indicated that actuarial strength would result by having the resources of all plans united to give added financial stability and by having a larger spread of lives to help determine mortality.

He said the new program would mean a change in promotion also.

Individual churches will be encouraged to put a minimum of ten per cent of their ministers' salaries into the program. Dues on the first \$4,000 would go into the basic part with the remaining dues in one or both of the supplemental plans, as selected by the member.

Under the new program, a member would keep his certificate for benefits, even if he left denominational service. His account would simply be "frozen." If he re-entered active service he would need only to resume participation by having dues paid for him.

Reed told the secretaries that the steady rise in cost of living created the pressing need for broader benefits.

"This new program will determine mortality."

IN MONTANA— Meffords Begin Work With N. Cheyennes

Several months ago, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Mefford, who had ministered to the Choctaw Indians of Mississippi for a number of years, were appointed by the Home Mission Board to start mission work among the Northern Cheyenne Indians in Eastern Oklahoma.

Bro. Mefford says concerning the beginning of the ministry in Montana. To report of our work here in Lane Deer among the Northern Cheyenne Indians will not require much space. To date, our ministry has been one of personal visitation, getting acquainted with the people,

letting them get acquainted with us. We have not had a formal Sunday service to date; there is no available meeting place that is suitable, and we have delayed an attempt at regular services until such can be provided. We are now in the process of beginning to get together the material necessary to obtain a Mobile Chapel to serve as a temporary meeting place, we have discovered that one can be obtained for slightly over \$5,000, and it appears that the Indian Committee of the Montana Fellowship, in cooperation with the Colorado Baptist General Convention and the HMB may be able to secure one through the sale of bonds. This is an immediate need and one for which we sincerely request prayer.

The Mormons have just completed an \$190,000.00 building here in Lane Deer, which includes, of course, their "worship house" and a huge recreation and dance area. We have discovered several Southern Baptist families working here in the Lane Deer, Busby area, most of them employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This will form a sort of nucleus, although this could cause a problem; we do not want the mission to be identified with the white community and this could easily happen.

"Our need here at Lane Deer are multiple, priority lists must begin with a place for meeting, then supplies for a regular church program, Bibles for sharing, New Testaments for the same purpose. We have a parcel of land leased from the tribe in the area of town that is building up, there are three lots, almost 200 feet in total width, length of the lot on one side is 550 feet, the other side is irregular. One problem is that a goodly portion of the land is a hillside that will require leveling, we are some 200 feet from the nearest sewage line and 400 feet from the nearest water line. Because of the depth that the lines must be placed, and the sort of ground that has to be dug, it is going to cost us nearly \$2,000.00 to get water and sewage to our property and tie on to the public utilities that are owned by the Tribal Council."

The Meffords address is P. O. Box 114 Lane Deer, Montana.

Better Relations - -

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Carlson said that the New Testament is full of scripture passages that give authority for "given unity", or the invisible bond that joins all Christians together under the Lordship of Christ.

"We would not be logical if we try to deny this, for we would be denying the authority of Christ if we did," Carlson said.

As other levels of unity, Carlson listed sociological unity and organizational unity, adding that many Baptists are fearful of the image of a "super church," or a "monolithic structure that towers over us."

The other speaker, Clifton J. Allen of Nashville, reacted to Carlson's address, citing reasons why Baptists should be concerned about Christian unity.

"I think we have something to contribute" to discussions on Christian unity, said Allen, editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Allen said a leader of another denomination once told him that Southern Baptists seem to have "an awareness of the reality of the Lordship of Jesus Christ not easily seen in our relationships with other Christians."

"Wouldn't it be wonderful," said Allen, "if we could contribute a sense of the Lordship of Jesus Christ as a basis for Christian unity in this world?"

"It is probably true," he said, "that in the whole field of communications with Christian groups, Southern Baptists are less effective in the area of communication with other Christians than any other."

Trends Seen

Trends in theology in the Christian world today, along with an interpretation of where Southern Baptists ought to fit into these contemporary theological currents, were outlined here by a Southern Baptist theologian.

James Leo Garrett, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary in Louisville, delivered the scholarly address to the Conference.

From a historical viewpoint Garrett said that the 1960's "are a time of abrupt transition in theology, among Roman Catholics as well as Protestants."

The last five years have marked the end of an era of the Protestant theology of neo-orthodoxy, the beginning of a new radical theology commonly called the death of God theology, and the beginning of a new era in Roman Catholic theology, said Garrett.

Interpreting the significance of these three trends in theology, Garrett explained the views of these and other theological concepts.

"The passing (neo-orthodox) era stressed the given, the revealed, and was more concerned with authenticity than with relevance," Garrett said.

"The coming (the radical or death of God theology) era gives its primary attention to the Christian message to modern man and/or the unbelieving world, and is more concerned with relevance than with authenticity."

"The present transition is marked by the resurgence of vitality in Roman Catholic theology since the Council of Trent."

Good night! I now go home with Jesus. Thank you. — A youth of Ghana as he left a Baptist evangelistic service during which he had acknowledged Christ as Saviour.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

October 3—Miss Joyce Wilkinson, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing; E. T. Jenkins, staff, Baptist Children's Village.

October 4—Mrs. Kathleen Rockenback, staff, William Carey College; Fred Tarpel, Hinds, Superintendent of Missions.

October 5—John F. Carter, faculty, Clarke Memorial College; Bradley J. Pope, BSU, Mississippi College.

October 6—Mrs. Rilla Hinton, faculty, Mississippi College; Miss Ann Burnside, Baptist Book Store.

October 7—Miss June Davis, Brotherhood, Baptist Tolar; Miss Mildred Tolar, Baptist Record, Baptist Building.

October 8—Mrs. Aurelia M. Hollis, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, staff, William Carey College.

October 9—Charles Lott, BSU, Miss. Delta Junior College; R. A. McLemore, President, Mississippi College.

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Two Hundred Mississippi Baptists Serve In Montana



THE FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING of the new Glacier Association met at Libby Church, Montana, on September 17. This association is made up of the six Southern Baptist Churches located in Deer Lodge, Hamilton, Helena, Kalispell, Libby, and Missoula. These churches withdrew from the Treasure-State Association at the annual association meeting on August 20, to form the fifth association of Southern Baptists in Montana. In the picture from left to right are: First row: Farrell Rose, Trinity, Missoula, Assoc. Treas.; Wayland Holbrook, Trinity, Missoula, Pastor; Mrs. Don DeGarmo, Libby Church, Assoc. Clerk; Jay Holliman, Calvary Church, Helena, Assoc. Pastor; Second row: Don Gribble, East Helena Mission, Pastor; Don DeGarmo, Libby Church, Pastor; Edward Evans, Calvary Church, Helena, Pastor; Binion G. Fleming, First Church, Deer Lodge, Pastor; Robert Wall, Easthaven Church, Kalispell, Pastor.

Women In Missions In Montana

By Miss Edwina Robinson
WMU Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist women and girls have been privileged to be an integral part of "Missions in Montana" since the Convention Board first decided to lead assistance to our friends in the "Big Sky Country." Women in Mississippi have not been able to make mission trips to Montana, but through their stewardship of possessions and concern, they have made it possible for some to go to be of assistance to women and young people in Southern Baptist churches in Montana.

Some very meaningful days were experienced by the state WMU staff, along with some members of the state WMU Executive Board in 1963. For two weeks during that summer, Mississippi women provided through the WMU Special Day offering for a team of nine conference leaders and a foreign missionary to lead methods conferences in Montana and to be of help to the associations with their promotion of WMU.

The conferences were held in the four associations—Yellowstone, Hi-Line, Triangle and Treasure State—in the cities of Glendive, Great Falls, Butte and Billings.

It was exceedingly gratifying to the conference leaders to notice the response and the eagerness of women in the Southern Baptist churches in Montana to the world-wide teaching implications and the subsequent cultivation of concern which are inherent in the program of Woman's Missionary Union. Especially did we

rejoice at being able to provide a foreign missionary because many of the women in the meetings had not been able to hear any missionaries speak prior to that time.

For the past three years we have been able to share with our friends in Montana as we have sent funds out there to assist with camps for young people and family groups. On two occasions we have provided the expenses of missionary families from Mississippi to go out and speak in the Montana camps.

In 1964 Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Mefford, home missionaries among the Mississippi Choc-taws, were the missionary speakers for the camp. It was during that week that the Meffords began to feel the tug of the Holy Spirit, encouraging them to go to Montana and help with work among the Indians there.

Appreciation Given
The missionaries for the 1966 camp were Rev. and Mrs. Parkes Marler, of Korea. Testimonies of appreciation for their visit and ministry came from pastors and other leaders of the Montana churches.

Mississippi women have gone to Montana through the sending of missionaries to camps, through the sending of WMU methods conference leaders, and through the contributions of money to assist with buying camp property and providing Christian experiences for Baptists in this great Northwestern state and made possible for WMU leadership to attend summer conferences at Glorieta. Yes, as Mississippi Baptist women

have given of their money, of their prayers and of their influence they have shared with women in Montana.

Our Work In Montana

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Several of our churches have had the Montana work (some specific church) in their budgets also through these last several years.

While it must be recognized that all cannot be properly recognized in this small space allotted we do feel that four laymen should be recognized especially for their efforts. They are: Charles Miller, Claude Townsend, Cooper Walton and Owen Cooper. No one knows how much time and personal finances these men have given to this needed work. All honor to them!

Several times I have been asked: "Why Montana?" The only possible answer must be that some laymen and preachers saw the need in this particular state and responded to it in a tangible way.

How long shall we continue this supplementary work? Who knows? I suppose we will as long as they need us.

Missing Music

Has it not been drilled into us by proverb and sermon and fable that we never miss the music till the sweet-sounding bird has flown?
—O. Henry (William Sydney Porter)

Nearly 200 Mississippi Baptists have served in Montana in various missions capacities since 1961, according to Claude Townsend, Florence, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee.

These include at least 77 summer students, 50 laymen, eight women and 60 pastors or church staff members, in addition to others perhaps un-

known to the committee or inadvertently omitted.

In a few cases the same person has gone to Montana on one or more occasions.

Those going are listed below according to years, as follows:

1961
Owen Cooper, R. C. McGlamery, Paul Nunnery, Chester L. Quarles, Cooper Walton.

1962
Summer Students — Doug Bain, Arthur Blessitt, Carolyn Cooper, Jo Ann Huff, Bonnie Miles, Susan McGlamery, Grace Polk, Jimmy Poole, Charles West, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Pearce.

Women—Miss Edwina Robinson, Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Miss Marjean Patterson, Miss Ruth Womack, Mrs. George Lassett, Sr., Mrs. Owen Cooper.

er, Mrs. Roy McGlamery, Mrs. Charles Brannon.

Laymen — M. W. Jefcoat, Oley A. Siquetfield, Jack Wilkes, W. E. Jefcoat, Bob Payne, Clarence Forsythe, Ellis Syla, James H. Craig, Joe Odenwald, Jerry Clower, C. E. Graves, Claude Townsend, Eugene B. Polk, L. U. Amason, R. C. McGlamery, W. W. Walley, Braswell Allen, James Mason, M. W. Edmonds, Guy W. Moss, Dewitt Pickering, Dale Ford, A. L. Benton, Horace Hendrick, Bill Cochran, G. H. Graves, J. E. Pegues, Clint Sims, L. J. Beasley, D. A. Hegwood.

Pastor or staff — John Landrum, John Landrum, Jr., Joseph Triplett, C. B. Hamlett, III, Rod Triplett, John Evans, Charles R. Brannon, J. I. Jacobs, Joe Odle, E. R. Quattlebaum, Ted Lett, Joe Boutwell, J. L. Taylor, Elmer Howell.

1963

Summer Students—Dale Anderson, Annie Formwalt, Randy Foster, Thomas W. Gill, Sharon Howard, Bryan R. Knight, Sue McClosky, Penny Moseley, Keith Rogers, Robert Tuggle, Leo Brown, Jr., John Speeding, Pat Still.

Laymen — Ports Messer, Pat H. Gill, Claude Townsend, Donald Baggett, Gay M. Houston, Louis Barner, M. Reagan, George Jones, J. W. Mitchell, Tom C. Barron, Owen Cooper.

Pastors or staff—Chester L. Quarles, Robert Carlisle, Al Finch, Charles Ray, Lavon Hutton, Gordon Sasing, R. H. Cherry, Jewell Kysar, Hugh Martin, Lloyd Sparkman, Joe Odle, Athens McNeil, Leon Scarborough, Tom Douglas, J. C. Redding, W. Otis Seal, W. C. Gann, David Grant, R. A. Talles, George Davis, C. B. Hamlet, III, N. F. Greer, Bill Baker.

1964

Summer Students — Patry Ard, Royce Eaves, Patricia Hays, Thomas Hout, Minnie Langley, Sammy Mahkason, Sandra Parkinson, Meridith Stephens, Thomas Wicher, Monty Beddingfield, Linda Hardin, Randall Henderson, Stella Little, Curtis Mahkason, Penny Moseley, Marvin Reddish, Johnnie Lou Wagner, Janie Sue Allen.

1965

Summer Students—William D. Drew, Terry Longest, Bill Mashburn, Billy O. Wingo, Ronnie L. Gamble, James E. Hitt, Tom J. Nettles, Ronnie Boswell, Keith Rogers, Margaret Addison, Mary E. Derryberry, Nancy Gardner, Neil Green, Valvorie Vest, Rowena R. White, June Mason, Carolyn Nichols, Barbara Richardson, Agnes Snowden, Lorene Chapman.

Laymen — A. P. Smith, Victor H. Williamson, W. T. Bogan, Oley A. Siquetfield, L. J. Beasley, Claude Townsend, Russell Bush, Samuel G. Shepard, Bernard Ireland.

Pastors or staff—Clyde E. Little, Donald Toomey, James Harrell, Stanley Barnett, S. W. Valentine, Harris Counce, Jr., Robert C. Cannon, James E. Smith, Tom F. Rayburn, J. D. Ayock, Jerry Breasale, Ovis E. Fairley, Lavon Moore, Eugene Dobbs, Bobby Shands, Johnny L. Taylor, W. C. Blanton, Joel E. Haire, James W. Duke, Van H. Hardin, Harry Kellogg, Curtis Burge, James F. Yates.

1966

Summer Students — David VanLandingham, Jr., Gary Lee Smith, Martin G. Russell, Kenneth Walker, Jo Ann Johnson, Alice Ruth Lewis, Nancy Turnage, Karen Hightower, Connie Ivy, Jerry Lynn Murff.

Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays.

Montana Anniversary

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helping in church building and renovating programs.

Many Mississippi Baptist churches as well as organizational units in the churches and individual Baptists have made "over and above" financial contributions to one of more of the churches or missions.

Mississippi Baptists have cooperated with the Montana Baptist Fellowship, which is affiliated with the Colorado Baptist General Convention, as well as the Home Mission Board.

Pioneer Missions Committee Coordinates Montana Work

In 1961 a group of Mississippi Baptist laymen made a second trip to Colorado for a laymen's crusade in the Denver and Long Peak Association area. Following this, five Mississippi laymen went to Montana for another weekend crusade.

This group was so impressed with the challenge of the work, the need and the opportunity that they felt an organized effort should be made by Mississippi Baptists to help this area. The plan was developed in connection with the Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to organize the Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee composed of nine laymen and six pastors to coordinate the work between Mississippi and Montana working through the Colorado Baptist Convention of which Montana is a part.

The plan called for the committee to be appointed with each member serving three years with staggered terms and each year the president of the Convention Board would name members for the vacancies.

The committee has undertaken to finance the program by getting several hundred Baptist men and women to make a contribution of at least \$5 each October and April. This has provided the principal source of support.

Special contributions are sought in connection with sending the summer student missionaries to Montana and

numerous Mississippi churches, church groups and individuals have provided financial assistance.

Pioneer Committee Looks To Future

By Claude Townsend,
Chairman

The joy and blessedness that the Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee has had in working with Montana is beyond compare. Much has been done in the past five years, and we look to the future with great enthusiasm. Already we are making plans for the next five years of work.

We plan to continue our present program with some changes as needed: 1. Sending pastors and laymen on evangelistic crusades 2. Sending students for Summer Mission Programs 3. Assistance in buildings—(20 thus far) 4. Help recruit pastors for

churches and missions 5. Help recruit tentmakers who would make their living from secular work and provide leadership for the churches.

Soon there will be a new convention organized, consisting of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota & Wyoming. We would expect to assist in the finances and any other way in which aid is needed.

We would seek to enlist the W.M.U. and Brotherhood to cooperate in promoting the work in the new convention.

We urge all Mississippians to continue to pray for us daily that we may follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in making all of the plans and in doing the mission work that God has called us to do.

With a large mango tree as our church building, a fallen trunk as our pew, and the rhythm of distant drums as our background music, we worshiped the Lord Jesus by the wayside. Muslims walking along the road heard us

singing Christian hymns and stopped to see what we were doing. I thought to myself, I am glad we are here in the open because it gives us a better opportunity to share salvation's sweet story.—Arville E. Senter, Tanzania.



AMONG THE STUDENTS who worked in Montana and assisted in the establishment of a church are five shown above. All stayed a year except Arthur Blessitt. Doug Bain of Starkville is now at Southwestern Seminary, Arthur Blessitt is now an evangelist, Thomas Gill is a student at Mississippi College, Bryant Knight is a student at New Orleans Seminary and Keith Rogers is working in Sidney, Montana.

Mississippi And Montana

AN EDITORIAL

On Monday and Tuesday, October 10-11, at the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship meeting in Great Falls, Montana, a number of Mississippi Baptists will join with Montana pastors and leaders, in recognizing the fifth anniversary of cooperation between Baptists of Mississippi and the Southern Baptists of Montana. This special issue of the Baptist Record is published in recognition of that event.

The men who five years ago proposed that Mississippi Baptists work with Montana Baptists, most certainly were led of the Lord.

They were laymen who had caught a missionary vision, and were seeking a place in which to do mission work themselves, and which would challenge other Mississippians to participate.

They found such a place in Montana, a pioneer mission area, which had been entered by Southern Baptists only a few years before.

Montana was one of the states in the vast area which had been made a part of the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

Even the Colorado Convention was new, and many of its churches were small and struggling. The convention had the almost impossible task of establishing Southern Baptist work in the five and one-half states, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, and the western half of Nebraska. These Baptists, however, did not look at the difficulties, but at the opportunities, and slowly but steadily, with the assistance of the Home Mission Board, and through the heroic efforts of pastors and laymen, began to plant new missions and churches across the large territory.

Laymen Become Interested

It was about this time that the Mississippi laymen moved on to the scene. A year or two before they had brought a group of witnessing men to Colorado, and liked what they found, and now, in 1961, they moved into Montana. A small group first visited the field and quickly saw its need, and its potential. They remembered the areas across Mississippi already crowded with churches, and whole associations finding not a place for even one mission. Yet, in Montana, there were sections half as big as Mississippi without a Southern Baptist witness, and many communities without an evangelical witness of any kind.

Cooperation Begins

These men acted. They presented the idea to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and that group approved. A Pioneer Missions Committee was formed. A working agreement was made with the Colorado Convention, and the Home Mission Board. Mississippi Baptists were in no-wise taking over the work in Montana. It was, and still is, Colorado Convention territory, and they direct the program. Mississippians simply are lending assistance where needed. The Mississippi Convention does not put any money into the work. All is done by individuals and churches, over and above their regular programs.

The steering committee began to work. It enlisted laymen and preachers to go to Montana to give a personal witness for Christ, and to encourage and aid the struggling churches. The laymen went at their own expense. Pastors and laymen both were stirred by the needs, and not only opened their own pocketbooks, but came back to enlist their churches, and associations to do something to help Montana. Other pastors were sent by their churches to hold revivals and give other assistance. The WMU and Brotherhood departments sent workers to assist in those programs.

Workers Sent

Young people were sent to work as summer missionaries. At least one Mississippi student had worked in the state as early as 1954. Churches in Mississippi were enlisted to give financial support and undergirding to churches in Montana. Associations aided in establishing churches and missions.

Individual Baptists gave money to aid in building churches and pastors homes. Others underwrote building loans, making it possible for the little churches to borrow and build.

Young preachers went as pastors, and young college preachers, delayed their education a year, or a year, while they worked in Montana. Numerous young people, and even adults, have given summers to mission work, carpentering, vacation Bible Schools, preaching, secretarial work, etc.

Nearly 200 individual preachers, laymen, women and young people have given mission service in Montana, and many others have shared in the financial support.

Results of Cooperation

The arrangement has brought rich blessing to both Montana and Mississippi. The Southern Baptist work in Montana has been greatly strengthened. Many new churches and missions have been established. Struggling groups have been encouraged. New buildings

have been erected. Church debts have been underwritten. Much financial support has been given. Southern Baptists have become a known and respected denomination in the state. Plans for forming another state convention have been advanced, probably by two or more years.

What has it mean to Mississippi? Those many individuals who have gone to Montana to aid in the work, even if only for a few days, have caught new missionary vision. Many more Mississippians have found spiritual blessing through their financial participation. Churches have broadened their mission vision. Associations have extended their fields of service. The state has been blessed by hearing of the experiences of those who have gone out there to help, and by workers from there who have come here to tell the Montana story.

The zeal of the whole Mississippi Baptist Convention for missions has been advanced by the ties with Montana. This state has made its greatest advances in all mission giving in these five years it has aided Montana.

What Is Ahead?

What of the future? It should be greater than the past. There are still vast needs in Montana. Churches, for the most part, still are small and struggling. Many of the pastors do not have adequate support, and must take secular work to support their families.

Some of the churches have inadequate buildings, and others struggle with debts, because their congregations are small and the advance is so slow. There are missions which need to become churches, as soon as funds for buildings and pastoral support can be secured. There still are many communities without a Baptist witness.

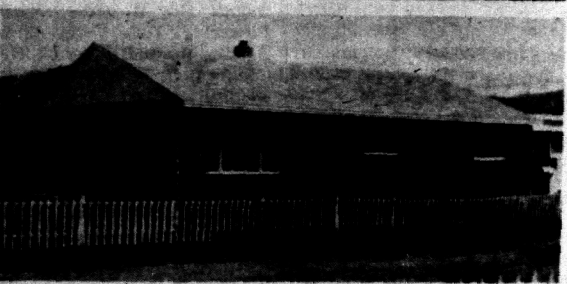
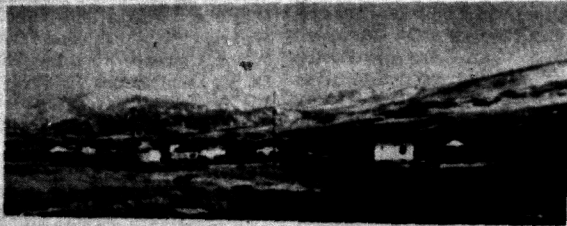
More "tentmakers" are needed, people who will go to live and support themselves as teachers, or in other work, while they help the churches. More underwriting is needed for loans for church buildings and pastors homes. More finances are needed to provide pastoral support, equipment and programs. More preachers are needed, to help lead these churches and missions.

Mississippi Baptists still are needed, for they can help supply these needs. Individual Baptists can help get under the load. Churches and associations can assist without in any way hurting their own program.

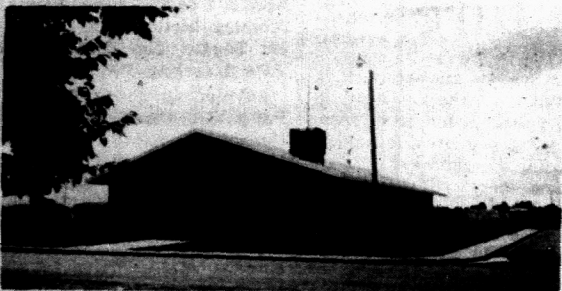
Doing these things not only will bless Montana; it will bring rich blessings to Mississippi as well. God has great things in store for Baptist work in Montana. Mississippi Baptists should continue to have a large part in them.

Photographs and Reports from Montana Churches

(In most cases both a photograph and story is used, while in a few only one or the other. In a few cases neither was available at press time.)



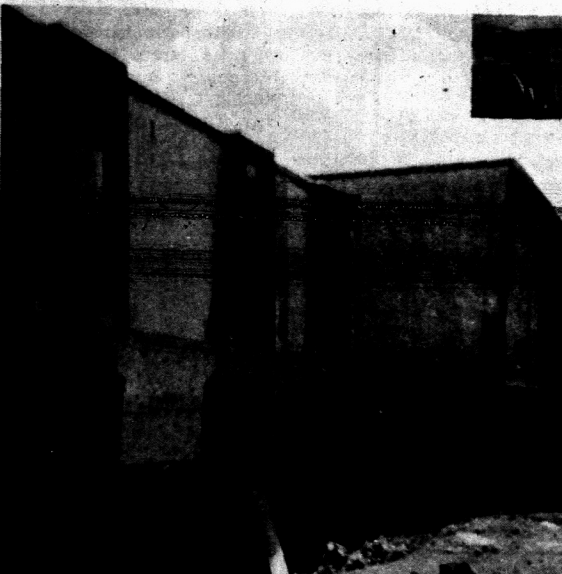
ANACONDA'S FIRST CHURCH has moved to the West Valley Community Club building about two miles west of Anaconda, and has changed its name to the Mt. Haggin Church. Broadmoor, Jackson, gave money to remodel the building in the new locality (top photo). First, Greenville made the downpayment on a pastor's home (bottom photo). Rev. James L. Kirtley is pastor.



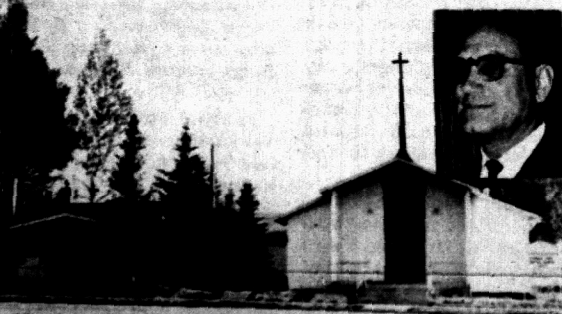
EMMANUEL CHURCH, BILLINGS. Rev. Cecil Osborne is pastor.



TRINITY CHURCH, BILLINGS is shown above. Contributions from Waynesboro laymen assisted with this building. Rev. C. Burrell Jones (insert) is pastor.



KIRKWOOD CHURCH, BOZEMAN. Rev. Martin Brooks, pastor, is shown in insert. The people of Wildwood Church, Laurel, have given material support.



FLORAL PARK CHURCH, Butte, is shown above, beside the pastorium. Three Mississippi laymen helped buy pews. First Church, New Albany, has given financial assistance. Rev. Nelson Engelbrecht, pastor, is pictured in insert.



BROCKTON CHAPEL, BROCKTON, is a mission of Poplar Church. The building was given by a Mississippi Baptist layman. It belonged to a Presbyterian church in Poplar, but was purchased and moved out to Brockton. A small house was also bought and moved next to the chapel building. See above photo.

Mt. Haggin, Anaconda

The first service of the mission in Anaconda was June 10, 1962, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Rev. Arthur Blessitt, college student from Mississippi, and Roland Smathers were the only two in attendance. The next Sunday, they met in the unused Salvation Army Church which was its meeting place until March, 1966. Vacation Bible School in July averaged 35 in attendance and saw six professions of faith. Mr. Blessitt conducted a revival the last of July. The mission was constituted into a church September 23, 1962, with 16 charter members. Its name was the First Southern Baptist Church of Anaconda.

Rev. R. Thomas Hudson from Mississippi became the first pastor in December of 1962. During his one-year pastorate ten were added to the membership.

The church was pastorless from December until June, 1964, when Rev. James L. Kirtley began his ministry. He is still pastor. Presently there are 32 members.

March 6, 1966, marked a new era in the church's history. Meetings were discontinued in Anaconda and moved to the West Valley Community Club building about two miles west of Anaconda. Thirty-seven persons attended Sunday school on the first Sunday. The name of the church was changed to Mt. Haggin Baptist Church suggesting the location in the West Valley with a beautiful view of the mountain. The Community Club and the church shared money and work to remodel the building. Two lots have been purchased for a future church. The pastor began supporting himself as a Fuller Brush Dealer to help make these purchases possible. Actual money for these improvements and purchases came mostly from the Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Miss. This church has helped faithfully to support the Anaconda work since its beginning in 1962.

In May of this year a pastor's home was purchased, within a block of both the present meeting place and the future church site. Down payment and closing costs came from First Church, Greenville, Miss. This church was looking for a place to give a sum of \$700 while the pastor of the Mt. Haggin Church was praying for \$800.00 making the connection. A layman of the Greenville Church donated the other \$100.

Attendance is averaging in the teens since two main families have moved and a third has been gone most of the summer. Prospects are good but these factors hinder the work at this time: 1. Need for adult leadership. (The pastor and wife are the only dependable active adults.) 2. Need for the pastor to cut down from secular employment and put nearly full time on the field. This is in the planning for the near future.

Pastor Kirtley writes, "Since coming to Montana, I have served with full support, and I have fully supported our family while diverting support funds for expenses involved in the move to the West Valley. As paid, we may not acquire money at all times, but we need your prayers without fail! We also could use 'tentmakers' will you sound the call for some?"

Emmanuel, Billings

Emmanuel Church, Billings, was organized December 7, 1962 with 32 members. It was started as a mission of the First Southern Baptist Church of Casper, Wyoming, under the leadership of Rev. O. R. Delmar. Rev. Glen Braswell was the first pastor. Organization of the church took place in the Seventh Day Adventist Church building. In 1963 the church moved into newly acquired property, the old Trinity Lutheran Church property. In September, 1964, a pastorium was purchased, and the old one used for an educational building.

Emmanuel Church was the beginning of Southern Baptist work in Montana. It has sponsored nine churches in Montana and two in Wyoming. It has had part in organizing the First Southern Baptist Association of Wyoming and Montana; the First Southern Baptist district composed of churches in Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota; the first regional convention composed of churches in Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota; the first state convention known as the Colorado Baptist General Convention which was composed of churches in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, and western Nebraska; and the first Montana organization composed of the churches in Montana, and known as the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship.

In 1965 the church voted to purchase ten lots, and in the spring of 1966 began construction of the present building.

Emmanuel organized the Trinity Southern Baptist Church January 6, 1967, with 26 members, and gave them a building site. They started another work which is now Southside Baptist Church. This now makes three Southern Baptist churches in Billings.

Rev. Cecil M. Osborne has been Emmanuel pastor since September 19, 1965.

Trinity, Billings

Trinity began as a mission in 1966, sponsored by what was then the First Southern Baptist Church, Billings. In January, 1967, Trinity was organized into a church, with 26 charter members. Their first building was an old abandoned bar, which cost \$125.00 monthly for rent. Rev. Benny Delmar was the area missionary during the early formative days.

Bill Simmons (a Texan), ministering in Watford City, North Dakota, was called as the first pastor. As nearly as can be ascertained, there were 49 additions by letter, and 41 additions by baptism during his ministry. Also, a mission was begun on the south side of Billings.

Following Simmons was another Texan, Rev. Raymond Quick. There were approximately 35 additions by letter, and 14 by baptism during his ministry. Toward the close of his service with Trinity, the church erected a new building, metal and concrete. Although

not complete, the building was a vast improvement over the "old bar."

Rev. C. Burrell Jones, of South Carolina, has served as pastor since the first Sunday in October, 1961. During this time there have been approximately 54 additions by letter, and 77 additions by baptism.

The church has held D.V.B.S. each year, and three of the last five have been Standard schools. During the past five years the church building has been painted; second-hand pews have replaced folding chairs in the auditorium; a baptistry (with a beautiful baptistry picture) has been installed; most of the floor has been tiled; some carpeting and a telephone have been installed; and a small electric organ is being purchased.

Pastor Jones states, "When Trinity was begun in this community, only one other church was here—an Evangelical United Brethren Church. Now there is a Lutheran, and a Methodist Church. The community is mostly Lutheran—but there is plenty of work to be done among the lost, and the community is still growing. We feel the work will continue to be quite slow, but there is definitely a need for our Baptist witness in this particular area."

"Our greatest needs (as we see them from close at hand) are: PRAYER for the work; a Tent-maker music and education person; and brick veneering for our building—which still does not have as good a "church" appearance as we'd like. Above all, though, is the need of PRAYER—for wisdom, zeal, and strength to carry on for our Lord."

Kirkwood, Bozeman

Kirkwood Church, Bozeman, was organized in 1959 under the name College Heights Church. The ministry was mostly with the college students on the campus of Montana State University. Three years ago the people had the vision to move out into the community—away from the campus—and establish a community church, feeling such a move would be best for the community and the university.

Land was purchased on the west end of town in the fastest growing area in Bozeman. The name was changed to Kirkwood. They first met in the basement of the pastor's home, then later rented the facilities of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and this past August moved into their own building. Rev. Martin Brooks and his wife Anna Beth moved on the field August 1965. Mrs. Brooks became the educational director—the second in Montana to have an MRE degree—and Mr. Brooks is the minister and also the BSU Director on the MSU campus. In the past year, eighteen joined by letter and four by baptism. The first deacon in the history of the church was ordained. The BSU work is small and growing; 6000 students enrolled this year at the university. The church is in need of funds to complete the basement into classrooms.

Floral Park, Butte

The Flora Park Church, Butte, started as a mission of First Southern (now Immanuel) of Billings. It was constituted in 1956 with 32 charter members. Eleven of those are still members.

The church bought property with a pastorium in 1956. The first building unit was finished in 1959. A new wing with additional educational facilities, completed last spring, can accommodate 200 in Sunday school. The property value is now \$50,000. (The building structure is aluminum siding.)

The church first met in a school gym, then in the pastor's home, and six years ago entered the new building, made from an old army barracks. Most of the construction was volunteer labor. The inside work on the new wing was also volunteer labor.

The present membership is 208, with 130 resident. They average 63 in Sunday school and 46 in Training Union. Local annual offerings are \$7,400. Last year the church had 33 additions, seven by baptism.

"Butte is predominantly Catholic," says the pastor, Rev. Nelson J. Engelbrecht, "and Baptist church growth has been very slow. It is also a mining city which is no inducement toward godliness. We are needed here badly and plan to stay and grow a church."

The work is undergirded by monthly contributions from First Church, New Albany, Mississippi.

Conrad Mission

Conrad is a small county-seat town located about 65 miles north of Great Falls, on the main highway into Canada, and one of the main routes into Glacier Park. Conrad is in the midst of some of Montana's finest wheat country, and is the location of construction crews for minutemen missiles.

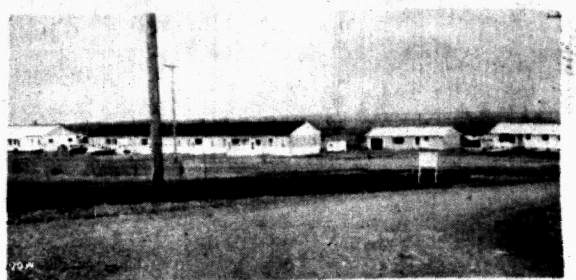
The mission was started by the First First Southern Church, Great Falls, with first services held on January 9, 1966. There was immediate interest, and growth in the beginning months was continuous. The First Reformed Church building was rented. During the summer, property was secured and construction was started on a new building. Student summer missionaries assisted in the work, and financial assistance was given by a Mississippi layman.

The mission now has a pastor, Rev. Samuel W. Badgett.

First, Deer Lodge

First Church, Deer Lodge, was organized in 1959 using the old Presbyterian church as its first building. July 5, 1964 they moved into the incomplete building of their own. This building has constantly been improved and moved further toward completion through gifts outside the church membership. The members have done much of the work in painting, tiling, wallboard, restroom equipment, and are presently finishing out the basement.

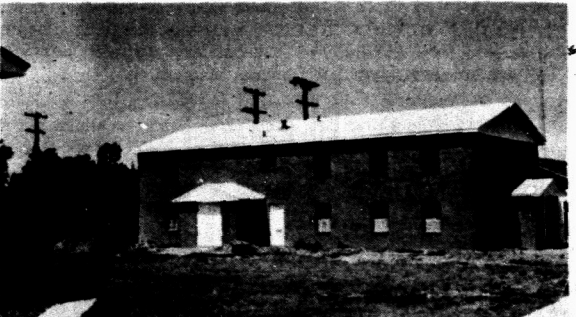
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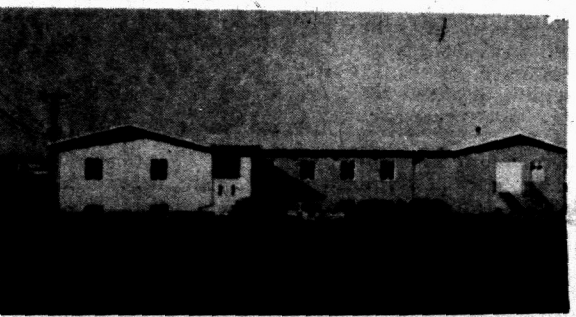
CASCADE is a mission of First Southern Baptist Church of Great Falls. Shown above is a northeast view of the lot where building is now under construction, with financial assistance of a Mississippi Baptist layman. The congregation meets in the last apartment in the long building. Rev. Elmer F. Carter is pastor.



FIRST CHURCH, DEER LODGE, Rev. Elmer F. Fleming, pastor—Baptist layman of Mississippi helped finance the church building.



FIRST CHURCH, GLENDIVE—The educational building, pictured, was constructed with the assistance of Mississippi Baptist laymen. Rev. Marshall Strother is pastor.



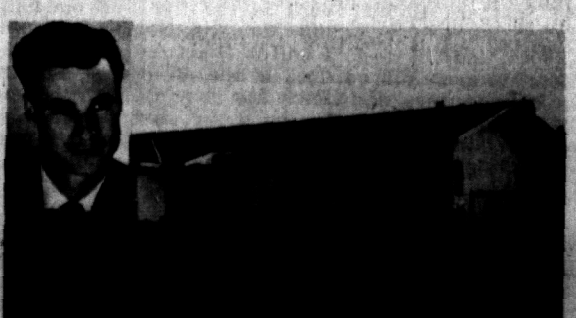
HIGHLAND CHURCH, GREAT FALLS received financial assistance for construction, from First Church, Yazoo City. Their present building is pictured. Their first meeting place was in a garage. Rev. A. D. Mayfield, Jr. is pastor.



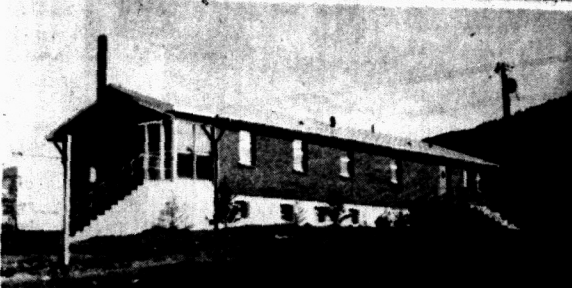
FIRST SOUTHERN, GREAT FALLS, on the banks of the Missouri. Pastor Lewis Dawson came from Fincastle, Va., home of the wife of Clark (Lewis and Clark). Mississippi Baptist laymen assisted with financing.



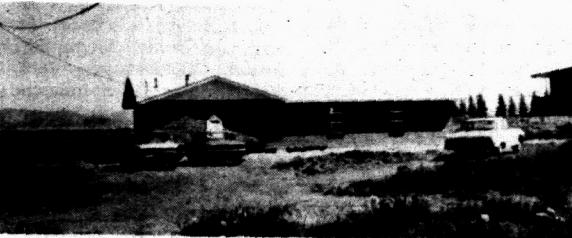
WESTSIDE CHURCH, GREAT FALLS—A Mississippi Baptist layman helped with the financing, and so did a Sunday school class of First Church, Greenwood. Rev. Louis M. Belcher, insert, is pastor.



HAMILTON CHURCH is shown above. Three Mississippi laymen, Sanflower Church, and First Church, Tuxton, have helped with its financing. Rev. Mannon Wallace, in insert, is the pastor.



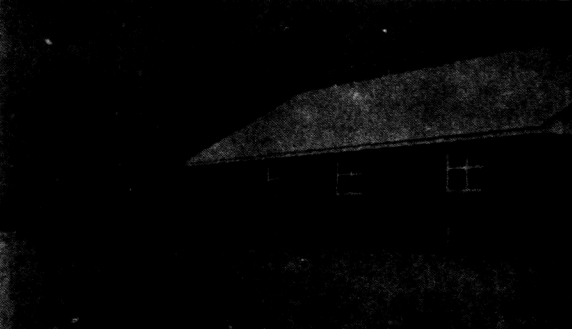
CALVARY CHURCH, HELENA—The pastor's home (top) was made possible through the assistance of a Mississippi layman. Rev. Edward E. Evans, pastor, is shown in insert. The church building (bottom) is called the "Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Chapel." The first efforts by Southern Baptists to witness in Helena, Montana, were made by the late Joe Thomas Odle, who in the summer of 1954 spent a month taking a religious survey of the city. He was the son of Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record.



EAST HELENA MISSION, HELENA—Mississippi Baptist laymen helped with financing. Rev. Donald R. Gribble is pastor. This is a mission of Calvary Church, Helena.



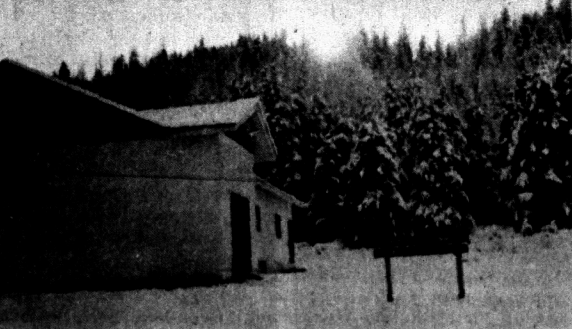
HELENA VALLEY CHURCH, HELENA—Each of the three buildings shown was donated by a different Mississippi layman. Rev. Richard Baker, pastor.



EASTHAVEN CHURCH, KALISPELL—Rev. Robert E. Wall, pastor, was formerly pastor of Easthaven, Brookhaven. Continuing financial assistance has been and is provided by First Church, Brookhaven, and Easthaven Church, Brookhaven. The building above was erected with their assistance and the assistance of a Mississippi Baptist layman.



CENTRAL CHURCH, LEWISTOWN was organized by a Baptist layman who was working on a missile site. Following the organization of the church, he was called to preach. A building, pictured, was constructed with the assistance of the Simpson County Baptist Association of Mississippi. They have no pastor at present.



LIBBY CHURCH—Rev. Donald L. DeGarmo is pastor. A Mississippi Baptist layman assisted with financing, and First, Yancey City, assists financially each month.



AFTABOKA HEIGHTS CHURCH, LIVINGSTON, received funds from First Church, Greenville, for purchase of a lot. A Mississippi layman gave them financial assistance for the above building. Construction supervision was provided by a Meridian layman. Rev. Roy Garrison, pastor, was formerly pastor in Norumbec County, Mississippi. Norumbec County Association provides monthly assistance.

Powell county. There are approximately 4,600 residents in Deer Lodge and just over 7,000 in the county.

"The community has come to a greater acceptance of the church in the last year and the witness has been reaching into greater areas of the community. There has not been a great number added to the church but the future is much brighter than in past times," says Rev. Binion Fleming, pastor.

There are several small communities that will have the possibilities of establishing Bible classes in the future.

First, Forsyth

This church is located in a small city in the ranch country along the Yellowstone River, about 100 miles northeast of Billings, in southeastern Montana. The church has a nice building and a pastor's home.

For the past several years Rev. Forrest Williams served as pastor, much of the time supporting himself by school teaching. Bro. Williams died a few months ago, and the church presently is without a pastor. Rev. R. L. Mefford former Mississippian who now is a missionary to the Indians at Lame Deer, has been supplying the pulpit, while laying groundwork for beginning the work at Lame Deer.

He writes concerning the work, "As you recall, Bro. Forrest Williams, their former pastor, died two weeks after we arrived in Montana, and I have been supplying the pulpit. It is some 60 miles to the north of us and is the nearest Baptist Church.

"The Forsyth people desperately need a prayer concern, for they are few in number, and have suffered the loss of several key families in the past week due to transfers, and of course, the death of Bro. Williams was a severe blow. The church has made its presence known in the area, and is now fully recognized as a force for good in the community, but the future is potentially bleak. They must have a man who can support himself, for they can provide only \$60.00 per month salary at this time. They are obligated to the amount of just over \$200.00 per month for their building and pastor's home, this with only 25 members."

Calvary, Glasgow

Calvary Church, Glasgow, was organized September 4, 1959, by Air Force families from the Glasgow Air Force Base. In its seven-year history, the church has ordained six preachers and fourteen deacons; a mission was begun in Opheim, Montana, and it is now a self-supporting church. Presently, the church is operating a mission for the Indians on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

When the missionary recently transferred from the Reservation to another field of service, Calvary was called upon to supply the pulpits of the mission in Wolf Point, First Church in Poplar, and another mission in Brockton. Dedicated laymen drove the ninety miles to these fields of service every Sunday.

Pastor Byron Banta writes, "Our church is under the sentence of death. At least, that is the feeling of some. The Defense Department has decreed that the huge Glasgow Air Force Base will close in mid-1968. Almost the entire membership of our church is military; progress in reaching the local populace has been slow. This means that we will not have a space problem for a while! Pessimists and other unbelievers seem to think that our church's doors will close when the Base closes. We heartily disagree. We are convinced that in a town where over 70% of the population does not even go to church on Easter Sunday, there is a need for an evangelical witness. Our future is as bright as the promises of God.

"Presently, our biggest need is for believing Christians to pray. Right now, our financial condition is very good because most of our people love the Lord and they are tithers. In all probability, in the months to come, as the Base starts to phase out, we will lose numerical and financial strength, for a while. We will have a need for some assistance then."

First, Glendive

In January, 1953, Rev. Frank Sutton, superintendent of missions of the Arizona Baptist General Convention, and Missionary O. R. Delmar drove to Glendive, 230 miles northeast of Billings, where a mission had been started the year before. The men went to survey the possibility of a mission in Glendive, a center of oil activity in the Williston Basin.

The two men located a place for services on the second floor of the Masonic Building. Seven Baptists organized into a mission. Many good church workers would come a few Sundays and then be transferred to other cities by their employers. But the work advanced.

Rev. C. H. Goodnight, member of the sponsoring Billings church, preached at the mission on Sundays until September 3, 1953, when the church called Rev. Richard Peacock. Ten days later the church was constituted and agreed to give 15 per cent of their income to missions, and to pay the pastor \$100 a month.

Because of the heavy influx of oil workers, the town was filled to overflowing. Rev. and Mrs. Peacock lived in a dark basement apartment with all office work of the church done in their living room. An electric corn popper and a pitcher of Kool-aid kept constantly in that living room added immeasurably to occasions for fellowship of the members!

There was not a baptistry in the whole town of Glendive. The first converts travelled 52 miles to Sidney to be baptized in the North American Baptist church there.

Peacock taught one winter in a rural school 27 miles away, to supplement his income. Some days he drove the distance in twenty to thirty below zero weather.

With the aid of Texas Baptists, the church decided to build, and broke ground on "one of the very pleasant October Sundays for which Montana is famous." The new auditorium was dedicated April 24, 1955.

Rev. Richard Judd became pastor in 1955. Janis Cook of Glendive became the first GA

Queen in Montana.

Then in 1958 Shell Oil Company moved its and church membership decreased 35 due to transfer. But gradually the church recovered from the blow.

Rev. Stayton Jones was the next pastor. Offices to Billings, oil exploration decreased. Then in March, 1962, Rev. Marshall Strother, the present pastor, moved to Glendive.

A new education building was dedicated on July 12, 1964. Pastor Strother says, "Without the help of Mississippians it would have been impossible for us to erect our educational building. A Mississippi layman arranged the interim financing and made a sizable contribution. After the building was complete we were able to get a loan on it and pay off the amount used in interim financing.

"We earnestly desire the prayers of the people of Mississippi."

First Southern, Great Falls

First Southern Baptist Church, Great Falls, was organized with 29 charter members on September 1, 1953. It was the second Southern Baptist church in Montana. The first pastor was Dr. Claude J. Williams, who wrote soon after the organization "Though few in number, young in years, and mostly inexperienced in church operation, this little group did not lack faith, courage and vigor to meet the challenge."

In its almost 13 years of service the church has had three pastors, C. J. Williams, 1953-59; James W. McCulla, 1959-1963; and Lewis E. Dawson, 1963 to present.

In early years the church met in the YWCA and in school facilities. In 1955 the main structure of the present building was erected, and in 1961 a basement addition was added. About the same time a pastor's home was secured. Property value today is almost \$80,000 with an indebtedness of about \$47,000.

Over 875 people have been members of the church during its 13-year history, and the present resident membership is 155. Because the church is near an air base there is a rapid turnover in members. In the past six years 117 people have been baptized. Average Sunday school attendance for the past year is 77 with 42 average in Training Union.

During its brief life the church has established 8 missions, and it sponsors three church type missions at the present time. They are the Immanuel Mission at Havre, 114 miles northeast; the Cascade mission, 25 miles south; and the Conrad mission, 56 miles north. The pastor of First Southern for many months at a time, has driven the long distances to one of the latter two missions to hold services on Sunday afternoon.

Second Baptist Church, Indianola makes regular contributions to the mission at Havre. Mississippi laymen are providing financing for the missions in Conrad and Cascade. Both of the latter buildings now are under construction, with Summer Missionary students assisting in the construction during the past summer.

Three Mississippi young women have served as secretaries of First Southern, during the past three summers.

Westside, Great Falls

Highland, Great Falls, sponsored the Westside Mission of Great Falls. Services began in a rented building. Rev. Virgil Miller took up the duties of mission pastor in May, 1960, and Westside Church was constituted December, 1960.

Miller, who was in the Air Force, was transferred. Rev. Charles Stunell was next pastor. His successor, Rev. James Stone, began looking for property. Two Mississippi laymen helped the struggling congregation to buy the property. It was later refinanced through the Home Mission Board. The church has a choice location in the heart of a thriving residential section.

During the early years growth was slow, drawing most of the congregation from the Malmstrom Air Force Base. In January, 1966, there were 38 enrolled, with 12 listed as the total attendance.

A new pastor, Rev. Louis M. Belcher, began work in July of this year. Since then, the church has completed a very successful Bible school, with 74 enrolled and an average attendance of 52. The Sunday school enrollment is now over 50, and in one recent Sunday the attendance reached 60.

Pastor Belcher writes, "Pray with us that we will be able with the help of Christian friends to provide for the pastor enough salary to allow him to serve full-time."

"The transient conditions of military people no doubt explains some of the fluctuation in the Sunday school attendance and enrollment through the years. A second factor seems apparent, and that is the short tenure of the pastors, no doubt due to inadequate finances.

"Westside actually has a tremendous opportunity for growth if we can rally together enough dedicated leadership and finances to keep the work moving. We trust that by next spring we will be forced into a building program by the increase in attendance."

Hamilton Church

A mission of Trinity Church, Missoula, the Hamilton Church was constituted in 1961, with 17 charter members; a building was erected in 1962. The outside shell was constructed, and the members completed the inside. The money for the structure was borrowed from the Home Mission Board with underwriting by two Mississippi Baptist churches, Tunica and Sunflower.

Membership is now 80, with 108 in Sunday school. There are many prospects in the community of about 4,000 but it is a low income area, deriving most of income from summer employment as forest workers, farmers, loggers, and mill workers.

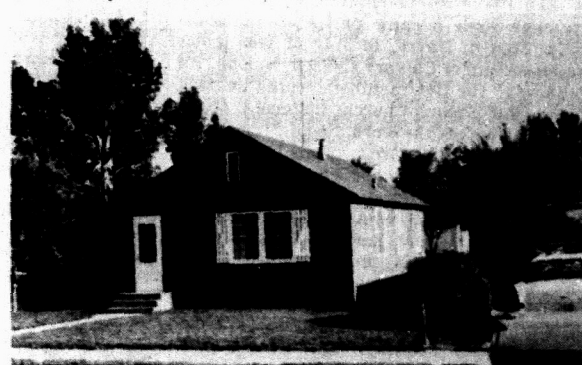
Tunica Church still sends \$50 monthly on loan for the building payment. The church was pastorless for 13 months until August of this year when Rev. Mannon Wallace and family arrived on the field. They cannot support a pastor and are waiting hopefully for a supplement from the Home Mission Board.

It is the only Southern Baptist church within an area of fifty miles. One American Baptist church is 18 miles away. Only about 40

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MILES CITY—(1) Old church building. Mississippians helped in downpayment on this building, as well as with the pastor's salary. (2) The Adventist Church building which the Baptists are now renting. (3) Pastor Loyd Napier lives in this house. Schlatter Church provided the downpayment for it. (4) Side view of the new church under construction.



FIRST, POPLAR is without a pastor now. The pastor's home pictured above was given by a Mississippi layman. A government surplus building at Fort Peck Indian Reservation, it was purchased and moved to a site adjacent to the church building.



SIDNEY MISSION at Sidney is a mission of First Church, Glendive. Those present September 4 at the morning service are shown. Rev. Robert Y. Kerby, pastor, is at extreme right, and his wife at extreme left. Their three sons, Matthew, 6, Bobby, 18, and Daniel, 16 months, are also in the group. The Sidney work is supported by First Church, Water Valley, and First Church, Greenville.



WHITEHALL MISSION has received financial help from Clarke County Baptist Association of Mississippi and the Magnolia Street Church, Laurel. Construction supervision was provided by a Meridian layman, and the financing of the church construction is being done by a layman of another state. Ira Sumner, (see insert) layman from Butte, is interim pastor. The above view of the building was taken, looking southwest.



WOLF POINT INDIAN MISSION building was moved 100 miles. It was provided by a Mississippi layman. Poplar Church sponsors this mission.



FIRST CHURCH, WOLF POINT, Rev. Melvin Suddeth, pastor.

Hamilton Church

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per cent of people belong to any church. The church operates a mission Bible class every week in a local Rest Home, with average attendance of 20. The building needs to be finished inside and an addition made onto it. Many classrooms are only "roughed in," and do not have adequate furniture. In the winter, when income is very low, there is difficulty in meeting payments and bills. But "hopes are high and enthusiasm is good."

Immanuel Chapel, Havre

Havre is a city of 12,000, the largest city in north central Montana, the county seat of Hill County, and the hub of the four-county area of more than 35,000 people. Most of the people who attend any church at all are Catholic or Lutheran. Baptists are a minority of less than 1% of the population.

James Stone became pastor of Immanuel Baptist Chapel, Havre, in July of 1963 under the sponsorship of Calvary Church, Helena, 205 miles away. The five members rented the Odd Fellows Hall. Second Church, Indianola, Miss., pledged to support the work. Soon, First Southern Baptist Church, Great Falls, 114 miles away, became the mother church. The first VBS enrolled 13 children. The group began renting the Seventh Day Adventist building.

Immanuel Chapel had been established with hopes of growing into a strong self-supporting church from which could be launched mission points to surrounding areas, but in February, 1964, God began leading in a different direction. It was evident that God was blessing the Mission mostly in its witness to the Indians and North Havre. North Havre is populated mostly by Indians and lower class whites. It is a community separated from the rest of Havre geographically by only one block and the railroad tracks, but socially and economically it is separated immeasurably. Close to 750 people on the North Side attend no church at all.

In 1965, five Mississippi-sponsored summer missionaries were sent to conduct the first North Side VBS ever held. A free meal was served between a 3-hour morning session and a 2-hour afternoon session for 1 week, and 53 Indian children came to hear about Jesus—most for the first time in their lives. The town was shocked and impressed, and God had placed an open door before Immanuel Baptist Chapel which she would have to wait another year to enter because of the lack of a building.

In July Pastor Stone resigned. Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Norwood were sent by the Home Mission Board under the US-2 program to serve as full time missionaries in Havre for 2 years. That Fall saw the beginning of Sunbeams and G.A.'s with maximum enrollment of 17 and 7.

Although none of the Indians saved during the revival had become members of the mission immediately (because they had never been taught about baptism or church membership, and are slow and deliberate at making important decisions) they became excited about the possibility of a building in their community and began to work and pray toward that end. Small amounts began pouring into the building fund from the people, and from interested Christians in Texas and Tennessee. But the fund had grown mostly due to the faithful financial support of Second, Indianola, Mississippi. Then in July, Central Church of Livingston, Texas, voted to give \$5000. Construction will begin soon, and the Gospel of Christ will be proclaimed from that building before this winter. There is no limit to the effect such a ministry will have on the whole city.

Calvary, Helena

The first efforts made by a Southern Baptist to witness in Helena, Montana, were made by Joe Thomas Odle in the summer of 1954 when he spent a month taking a religious survey of the city.

A Mississippi College student, Joe Thomas worked that summer as a missionary with the Home Mission Board. In the fall he was stricken with cancer, and died the following January. He was the son of Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record.

A full-time mission was begun in 1957 and a church was organized on June 15, 1958, with Rev. Albert M. Casteel as pastor. In July 1959 construction began on the "Joe Thomas Odle Memorial Chapel" which is the present church building. Casteel resigned in August, 1965, to enter language school in San Antonio in preparation to mission work with the Spanish-speaking people. Rev. Edward Evans was called as pastor in January 1966.

Calvary has been the mother church for two other churches in Montana. When only six months old and with only twelve members they voted to sponsor the beginning of a mission in Townsend. This mission was organized into a church in 1959. Rev. M. E. Allen is pastor there now. Helena Valley Baptist Mission was started in 1959 and organized into a church in 1962. Rev. R. L. Baker is pastor there.

Present missions of the church are First Baptist Chapel of East Helena (Rev. Don Gribble, pastor) and a Sunday School and Bible Study in the home of the Brice Wiscarson's in Seeley Lake, Montana.

Helena Valley

Helena Valley Church started as mission VBS in a two-room school house in 1957. Calvary Church, Helena, has sponsored this work in an area of nearly 5000 people, north of Helena. A layman preached until the present pastor, Rev. R. L. Baker, began his duties in August, 1961.

The physical plant consists of three one-story buildings given by three Mississippi laymen.

Constituted as a church in 1962, with 22 members (present membership is 60), it is the only church of any denomination in the immediate area.

Pastor Baker writes concerning their chief need: "One of the buildings on our property is presently not being used. Our

church plans to convert it into an auditorium, which will cost us \$8,000. We have \$1,000 in a building fund, but our problem lies in finding someone to loan us the remainder. We have complete underwriting available for ten years."

Easthaven, Kalispell

While preaching in a revival in Helena Robert E. Wall, of Mississippi, visited the Kalispell area. The challenge of pioneer missions and call of God to the young preacher and wife could not be mistaken.

Easthaven Baptist Mission began meeting in the basement of the pastor's home. Trinity Baptist Church, Missoula was the sponsor. Three months later facilities at a local lodge downtown were made available.

September 29, 1963, the mission became Easthaven Baptist Church with 21 charter members. One of the first things that the newly constituted church did was to purchase property for a building site. The church was missionary at the beginning voting to give seventeen percent of their undesignated receipts to world missions.

In June 1965 a mission was started in Libby, Montana.

Pastor Wall writes, "As we look back, the road of tomorrow doesn't seem to be quite as long and difficult. From no church in 1962 to a membership of 45; from no Sunday school to an enrollment of 69; from gifts of less than \$50 a month to giving over \$400 a month; from no property to property valued at \$50,000; from an unknown, oft times disputable denominational affiliation to a church that is gaining community acceptance. The road is paved with the victories of yesterday, the challenges of today, and the promises of tomorrow. We acknowledge the victories, we accept the challenge and we claim the promises. Undergirded by the continued prayers of Mississippi Baptists we shall triumph!"

Libby

The need for a Baptist work in Libby, Montana, was recognized by Rev. Robert Wall, pastor of the Easthaven Church, Kalispell. In 1963, the Mississippi Baptist Convention sent a summer mission worker to Libby to work with Mr. Wall in organizing a mission. That fall the young mission worker, Brian Knight, stayed on to pastor the mission and organize the work in Libby.

In 1965, Rev. Bill Tidwell, Jr. came from the Golden Gate Seminary as pastor. While he served as pastor, the mission became an organized church. A lot was purchased and a building erected with the aid of First Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi, and a loan from the Home Mission Board.

In December, 1965, Mr. Tidwell was recalled to active duty to serve as a chaplain in the armed forces. During the next seven months, the church was without a pastor. Yet, it continued to progress with a small but faithful membership under the leadership of Jim Hickman, chairman of the trustees. In July, 1966, the church called Rev. Donald L. DeGarmo from the New Orleans Seminary as pastor.

The present membership of the church is 21; however, the usual attendance at services is in excess of this number. Sunday School enrollment is 28, but the average attendance for the past several months has been 37 with a high of 45 on September 11. The church is experiencing growth in every department.

The sanctuary of the church is complete, but the basement which houses the Sunday school rooms needs quite a bit more work. The greatest need at the present time is for room dividers to divide the fellowship hall into rooms to use for Sunday school classes. The church is presently making plans for an active youth program. Particularly needed is a 16 MM movie projector and slides and film strip projector, and some recreational equipment. This is the only Southern Baptist Church within 100 miles and efforts will be made to reach as many young people as possible. The pastor says "our needs are great, and our faith, we pray, equally as great."

Absaroka Heights, Livingston

During 1963, Thomas Gill, a student from Mississippi College, spent the summer in Livingston, in an effort to establish Southern Baptist work there. He was successful in enlisting two families and getting a mission started, under sponsorship of Southside, Billings.

When he returned to school, a layman from Billings, Ira Sumner, commuted 115 miles to carry on. Later, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Garrison of Noyabee County, Mississippi, resigned Ruhama Church and went to Livingston to provide pastoral leadership. At that time, there were only two active members. The work was organized into a church in May of 1965 with 25 charter members.

The present membership is 28, and the Sunday school enrollment is 7, which includes a senior Adult extension class at a local rest home.

In March of 1965, a building was started on lots purchased by First Church, Greenville, Miss., with two Yazoo City laymen providing interim financing. The building was occupied for services on Monday 1, 1966, and at the present is about 80 per cent complete.

In the summer of 1965, a Meridian layman and two student helpers, from Tupelo and Yazoo City, spent six weeks working on the building. Their labor was donated. They were assisted by Garrison and other members at Livingston.

Noxubee Association of Mississippi, where the Garrisons formerly worked, provided \$200 a month as pastoral supplement in 1964 and 1965, and \$100 per month in 1966. Popular Flat Church, Winston Association, Miss., is giving one per cent of undesignated offerings as pastor supplement.

The Livingston Mission is now the Absaroka Heights Baptist Church.

Miles City

Miles City is located in the heart of the grazing country in East Central Montana. It is a typical "cowboy" town.

In 1962, Doug Bain finished Mississippi College and went to Miles City, Montana, to establish Southern Baptist work there. After

some very perplexing and trying days, a nucleus of Southern Baptists was developed in Miles City and a small building was purchased from the Seventh Day Adventists as a meeting place.

The Seventh Day Adventists built a new church. Arrangements were made with them so the Miles City Southern Baptist Church could use their new facilities. This proved satisfactory for a while, although not as a permanent arrangement. In February, 1965, Rev. Loyd Napier sent to Miles City as pastor.

A house has been purchased for the pastor's home. The down payment for the home was provided by the Baptist Church at Schlater, Mississippi. Rev. J. E. Drane, pastor.

Attendance has reached 100 and additional space was necessary. The church has launched out in a building program. Bonds are being sold and it is anticipated that in the near future the new building will be completed.

Trinity, Missoula

Trinity Church, Missoula, has recently called Rev. Wayland Holbrook as pastor. He began his work August 14, moving to Montana from Riverside Association in Tennessee where he served as superintendent of missions. The Holbrooks have two children, Sherry, 5, and Ralph, 3.

The church has ten active families, a total of 25 members. The average Sunday School attendance is between 35 and 40. Of the ten families there are only five men who are active. At the present the church is meeting in a double garage behind the pastor's home, and the basement in the pastorium is used for Sunday school and Training Union.

Missoula is the third largest city in Montana, it is the fastest growing with the present population of more than 40,000. The University of Montana is located there. Plans are being made to have a BSU on campus, aided by two church members on the university faculty. Trinity is the only Southern Baptist church in the city and the closest one is 70 miles away.

From the community of Seeley Lake, 55 miles north, a Southern Baptist family requested that Trinity begin a mission in their community. They plan to conduct the first services there the second of October. A Fellowship Sunday School will be held on Sundays.

Sidney Mission

The Sidney Mission of Glendive Church has an optimistic outlook, according to its new pastor, Rev. Robert Kerby.

He started his work at the mission August 28. There were 23 present, including 3 from Glendive for the morning service. On September 4 there were 25 present including 5 from Glendive for the morning service. There were 16 for the evening service on September 4.

Mr. Kerby is teaching the 8th grade in Fairview, North Dakota, which is about 13 miles from Sidney. Some with whom he has made contact there have visited the mission and others have said that they would attend. The Glendive Church has given the Kerbys a pouncing in which more than a month's supply of groceries were provided.

After graduating from Mississippi College and before entering seminary, Rev. Keith Rogers served as mission pastor from June of 1965 to May of 1966. Rev. Gary Smith (a ministerial student at Clarke Memorial College) served for the summer. They have done an excellent job of carrying on the work and have served through what has probably been the most difficult time in the life of the mission.

The Sidney Baptist Mission had a good initial growth. By October of 1965, the Sunday School attendance reached 29. Eight families were represented in this number. By the end of January this year, all but one family had moved away. This family has remained faithful.

The front part of the building where the mission meets for worship was originally a Girl Scout lodge. It has a large fireplace and is all one room. An addition was made to the building, which is about 30 x 50, and is ideal for worship services. An average of \$37.50 is paid each month for rent. The mission uses the building for Sunday services only. They are allowed to use the folding chairs and piano and have a storage cabinet for hymnbooks, literature, etc. The major problem as the mission grows will be space for Sunday school classes to meet.

First, Shelby

The First Baptist Church was organized in 1964, and erected its building about 1966. No picture was available as we went to press with this issue.

Shelby is a small city of about 4,250 people, located only 35 miles below the Canadian border, in Northern Montana.

Rev. Kenneth Roediger has been pastor of the church for about ten years. At the present time the church has a membership of about 100, with approximately half of them being resident.

A number of Mississippi laymen and pastors have visited the church, and the First Baptist Church of Terry, has been sending a monthly check to assist on the building payments. Other assistance also has been given by laymen in the Terry church. Other Mississippi help also has been received.

The church is giving a Baptist witness in the area around Shelby, and the pastor is serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Valier, Montana. This is a former American Baptist Church, which has not united with Southern Baptists, but is using Southern Baptist literature and other materials in its work.

First, Three Forks

First Church, Three Forks, was organized October 28, 1962 after being a mission of First Church, Townsend, for two months. There were 19 charter members of the only evangelical church in the town of 1200. Services were held in the Odd Fellows Hall. Rev. W. R. Parrot was first pastor.

In August, 1963 Rev. Roger Hill, their



TRINITY, BILLINGS' first meeting place was an old abandoned bar (pictured) which they rented for \$125 a month.

present pastor, arrived on the field.

Sunday school attendance began to grow and before entering their new building was averaging 55 each Sunday with six classes in the Odd Fellows Hall and one in the Fire Station and one in the Jail!

The first service was held in the new building in June, 1964. Presently the church has completely filled its available space and plans are being made to add an educational wing. They will need help in financing this building.

In December of 1964 the church organized a mission at Whitehall, a town of similar size and need, 30 miles away. This work has developed and now has a nice new building but does not have a pastor. Ira Sumner, who served as interim pastor at Three Forks, is serving as interim pastor there.

First Church, Three Forks has a membership of 82 including the Whitehall Mission. Sunday School enrollment is 106 at Three Forks and 40 at Whitehall. This past association year 21 were baptized at Three Forks and 9 at Whitehall.

First Church of Quitman, made it possible for Three Forks to build by underwriting a \$10,000 loan and making payments of \$125 a month on it. A layman in this same church also bought all the bonds necessary to enable the church to finance their pastorium.

First Church, Pachuta, joined with the Quitman church to make it possible to purchase the property on which to build. Other churches in Texas, Alabama, and Louisiana shared the load. Help has come from nine states and over 100 different sources in the brief four-year history of this church!

Whitehall

Pastor of the Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, has led in the purchasing of land in Whitehall and his church has had a monthly part in providing for their various financial needs. Clarke County Association has been supporting the work in Whitehall with \$150 per month. This is something that nearly every association in Mississippi could do! Through the generosity of a layman in Georgia who provided interim financing they have an adequate building. Also many individuals have had a part in providing for their financial needs.

The work at both Whitehall and Three Forks is truly pioneer work. These are native churches and neither one has any member who was Southern Baptist until they joined there! They are both in towns that have no other evangelical witness! They are both in towns that will be growing in the future.

"What are their needs? They both need your prayers. Financially, Whitehall needs support for a full-time pastor and support to finance their building as soon as possible. Three Forks needs financing for an educational building. Whitehall needs a full-time pastor. These three needs then are listed: financing for our mission building, a pastor for our mission, and financing for an educational building," writes Pastor Hill of Three Forks.

Wolf Point Indian Chapel

In a March, 1966, service in the First Baptist Church, Poplar, Mont., five candidates were baptized into the membership. They were the first to join through its newest mission, the Indian Baptist Chapel of Wolf Point. The Sunday School at the Wolf Point Indian Baptist Chapel is conducted on Thursday evenings. Byron Banta and a staff of teachers from the Calvary Baptist Church of Glasgow, Mont. travel a distance of more than a hundred miles each week to help.

The Wolf Point mission is the third Baptist congregation on the Fort Peck Reservation.

First, Wolf Point

First, Wolf Point was organized as a mission of First Southern in Billings in 1953. It was first begun in a Farmer's Union hall and then moved into a vacant warehouse downtown. In 1959 construction was begun on the present building, finished in 1960. The work was done entirely by the people of the church. They have the only church in town with a baptistry.

The church is entirely self supporting except that the pastor, Rev. Melvin Sudduth, must work at a secular job. The pastor's salary has grown and is now twice as high as with any previous pastor but still not adequate. This represents greatest need at present, as any church needs a full time pastor. They are considering sponsoring a mission and are trying to make some plans for adding more S.S. rooms.

Community needs match church needs in many ways. They need more dedicated and experienced laymen throughout the area. "Many people want to do many things but have not had experience with the way God works and therefore are afraid to attempt some areas of work. Many times Southern Baptists who have had experience move into this area but will not serve faithfully and we have realized a need to pray for these as they actually hinder the work," states pastor Sudduth.

Other Montana Churches

The Baptist Record has not received articles or pictures from the following:

Townsend, First, Rev. M. E. Allen, pastor. Union County Association, Mississippi, has assisted with financing, and Calvary, Tupelo, has helped with the pastor's salary.

Southside, Billings has received financial support for literature from Waynesboro laymen. Calvary, Jackson, has also given financial assistance to Southside. At present, they have no pastor.

Belt Mission at Belt is sponsored by Highland Church, Great Falls. Rev. Elmer P. Carter is pastor.

Lakeview Church, Baker, Rev. Wayne Naylor, pastor. First, Opheim, Rev. Bob Parker, pastor.

First, Shelby, Rev. Kenneth E. Roediger, pastor. Financial assistance is being provided by Terry Church of Mississippi.

First Baptist Chapel, Fort Benton, Rev. Elmer P. Carter, pastor, is sponsored by Westside Church, Great Falls.

Deacon Wants Mission At Yellowstone

A deacon in the First Baptist Church, Three Forks, Montana, is leading a move to find a way to establish a Southern Baptist church in the little town of West Yellowstone, Montana.

The deacon is George "Dud" Ballard. He is Chairman of the Montana Treasure State Baptist Association Missions Committee. He lives in Cardwell, Montana, but attends the Three Forks church.

West Yellowstone is a small town of 700 residents at the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. It has a grade school, but high school students are carried daily to schools 65 or 80 miles away. The town has Mormon, Roman Catholic and a Community Church. There is no resident minister in the town, and none of the churches have services during the winter.

George Ballard and his missions committee has become so concerned about the need for a Baptist witness in the community, that he has visited West Yellowstone, sought out for a place to begin services, and talked to interested persons there.

Now he has written a letter to many friends urging them to pray and give such help as they can, in assisting in establishment of the mission.

A Southern Baptist mission or church in West Yellowstone not only will minister to the people who live there permanently, but also will be able to give witness to many of the thousands of visitors who come there each year on their visit to Yellowstone National Park.

I know now, looking back, that in the living room of my home that day, in the simple act of believing that Jesus died for me, the power of God's Word began to work. I saw, for the first time really, that a live, flesh-and-blood Person had suffered an agonizing death because of love for a boy named Robert Richardson. In that moment a tiny flame of desire was kindled in me, a desire to know this Man, to follow Him, to show Him my gratitude. And though there have been detours along the way, that flame has never gone out. — Bobby Richardson in THE BOBBY RICHARDSON STORY (Fleming H. Revell Company).



DANNIE L. SMITH, was licensed to the gospel ministry August 21, at conclusion of evening worship service, by Hillcrest Church, Jackson. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd E. Smith, Dannie is presently enrolled as freshman at William Jennings Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee.

MC Plans High School Day

Over a thousand students are expected for Mississippi College's annual High School Day set for Saturday, October 8, according to Linuel Jayroe, director of admissions.

Activities will get underway at 8:30 a.m. with registration in Nelson Hall and conclude with the football game against the Florence (Ala.) State Lions on Robinson Field. Kickoff will be at 2 p.m.

Mr. Jayroe said that Jimmy Morrison, new admissions counselor at the college, will serve as coordinator for the day's events. He will be working with members of the Student Body Association in making plans for the day.

The class visits are a new feature being introduced this year. The students will have the opportunity of attending a thirty minute lecture of their choice being offered in each of the major departments. Professors have volunteered their time for the sessions.

The football clash will climax the day's activities and

Carey Enrolls Over 800

Approximately 800 students swarmed onto the William Carey College campus in Hattiesburg during the week of September 11-13 to begin the 1966-67 school year. Registration was still incomplete at week's end, but already it has passed the number for any previous year in the school's history.

Bryant Hall, the new air-conditioned men's dormitory, reached completion just moments before 110 students moved in. Furnished with the finest in attractive and functional equipment, the building has alleviated the extreme housing shortage of last year. Carey now has six dormitories, three each for men and women, and all are filled to either capacity or near capacity.

A week-long strenuous orientation program was conducted under the supervision of the Student Affairs Office. Dean D. C. Martin led in the practical and spiritual preparation of some 350 freshmen and transfer students for the year ahead. He was assisted by student campus groups such as the Student Government Association and the Baptist Student Union.

Classes began officially on Monday. Classroom space, which was at a premium last year, was greatly improved by the addition of two large new lecture halls built from the rear portion of the school's old auditorium. Each room will seat 90 students. The new Thomas Fine Arts Center, to be occupied in a few weeks, will be the home of the entire Music Department. The vacating of their previous facilities in Tatum Court's third floor has provided much more additional classroom and faculty office space.

We must somehow discover deeper, richer ways to communicate in action—at the level of love—what Christ really means.—Baker J. Cauthen.

all students, along with their sponsors, will be provided complimentary tickets to the game.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE DEAN OF STUDENTS D. C. Martin, center, introduces students to opening inspirational speaker Dr. Graham Hales, pastor of University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg who addressed the 350 new students. Left to right, Margarita Stallworth, Panama Canal Zone; Dr. Hales; Martin; Nancy Wilson, Hattiesburg; and James Durham, Tampa, Florida.



DR. AND MRS. J. RALPH NOONKESTER entertained 350 new students at the annual President's Reception on Tuesday evening, Sept. 13, in their lovely home adjacent to the William Carey College campus. Shown being welcomed to Carey above are students Sam Hendry, of Hattiesburg, and Holly Walker, of Burbank, California. Miss Walker's mother is an alumna of Mississippi Woman's College, the forerunner of William Carey College.

RUSSIAN HEADS EUROPEAN BAPTIST FEDERATION COUNCIL

Michael Zhidkov, Moscow, USSR, an area superintendent for Baptist work, was elected president of the European Baptist Federation council, even though Zhidkov could not attend the 1966 meeting of the council in London.

His two-year term follows that of Jacob Broetjes of Haarlem, Holland. Zhidkov had been vice-president of the council during the past two years.

Rudolph Thaut, Bad Homburg, Germany, who has been general secretary of the Union of Evangelical — Free Churches (predominantly Baptist) in that country, was elected new vice-president.

At its biennial meeting, the EBF council asked a committee to consider how to bring about an evangelistic crusade among Baptists in Europe. Interest was stirred by recent Baptist crusades in Spain and Brazil and by the planned western hemisphere Baptist crusade in 1969.

The evangelistic thrust is almost certain to be a topic of discussion when a meeting of

Ellis Foster, Bobby Hudspeth, and Dillian Boyd were ordained as deacons on September 18 at West Jackson Street, Tupelo. Rev. Richard Clement preached the ordination sermon; Robert Criswell led the ordination prayer.

J. T. Taylor on September 15 celebrated his fifth anniversary as minister of music at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. Dr. Allen Webb, pastor. Mrs. Taylor is church pianist and graded choir leader.

Two Mississippi College art professors will exhibit in a special showing at the LaFont Gallery in Pascagoula it was announced today. Sam Gore, chairman of the art department, and Bob Allan Dunaway, newly named instructor at the college, will display a number of their paintings at the Gulf Coast gallery. The exhibit will continue throughout the month of October.

Linda Horabuckle and Brenda Sullivan, missionary journeymen, will be secretaries at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland. They may be addressed at the seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. Linda is a 1966 graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex. A Texan, she was born in San Antonio, but grew up in Dallas. Brenda, native of

general secretaries of European Baptist national unions occurs. The council proposes to sponsor such a meeting in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, next March.

Over 30 delegates from 15 countries attended the council session in London. They came from the following national groups — Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, England, Germany, Holland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Norway, Portugal, Scotland, Sweden and Belgium.

The council also chose the site for the 1969 European Baptist Congress. It will be held in Vienna, capital of Austria. The 1964 congress met in Amsterdam.

Names In The News

Pontotoc County, Mississippi, is a 1966 graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton.

Miss Mary Ellen Yancey, missionary to Nigeria, arrived in the States September 7 for furlough. She may be addressed at Camp Hill, Ala. Native of Camp Hill, she did educational work at First Baptist Church, Langdale, Ala., prior to missionary appointment in 1947.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, missionaries on furlough from Taiwan, may now be addressed at 2334 Coronet Place.

Revival Dates

Morrison Heights, Clinton: October 9-12; Dr. Wilbur Schwartz of New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Roland Shaw, minister of music of host church, singer; Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor; weekday services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday services at usual hours.

Perkinston: September 25-30; Rev. Robert H. Posey, Birmingham, Alabama, evangelist; Alost Collette, Hattiesburg, song leader; Rev. Jerry Estes, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Escatawpa Church: September 26 — October 2; Evangelist Jim Carraway (pictured), "The Singing Engineer" of Shreveport, La., preacher; Don Cawthon, singer; Rev. Ralph H. Young, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

It seems that, all over our world, so many people called Christians have only a convenient relationship to the Lord, rather than a vital, death-to-self one. — G. Webster Carroll, Uganda.

Jackson, Miss., 39204. He was born and reared in Kershaw County, South Carolina; she, the former Frances Bibb, was born in Moorhead, Miss., and grew up near Drew, Miss.

Southern Hills Enters New Home

Sunday, Oct. 2, The Southern Hills Church in Jackson, organized March 27, will move into the first unit of its new church home.

Located on a spacious ten acre site on Henderson Road, between McCluer and Siwell, the present building, erected and furnished at a cost of \$40,000.00, will house both a temporary sanctuary and educational space.

The sanctuary will have a seating capacity of 175. There will be two day-time services Sunday with an old-fashioned "dinner-on-the-ground".

The pastor, Rev. David T. Cranford, will bring the message for the dedication service at the eleven o'clock hour.

Dr. C. Z. Holland, of Mississippi College, will speak at the 1:30 o'clock service.

The pastor and congregation extend a most cordial welcome to all who wish to share this very special day.

Arizona Board Sets New Work

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)—The Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention here voted to recommend a 1966-67 budget of \$991,918, to create a new department of work, and to promote a current staff member to head the new department.

The board created the department of church building, which will assist Southern Baptist churches in Arizona in planning, designing, and building construction.

Bill Parker, associate director of the Baptist Loan Fund of the Arizona convention, was elected to head the new department.

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREAS DISCUSSED AT MC

Four challenging areas of Christian Higher Education were discussed in papers presented by a quartet of Mississippi College professors in a pre-school meeting here.

The areas, all questions faced by the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST) which met this past summer in Nashville, Tenn., were discussed by Dr. Martha Bigelow, professor of history and chairman of the Department of History and Political Science; Dr. Sarah Rouse, professor of English and dean of women; Dr. Phil McCarty, assistant professor of Bible and religious education; and Kenneth Rainey, assistant professor of English.

Dr. Bigelow, speaking on the "Philosophy of Christian Higher Education," said, "Christian education is education within a context of belief in a world view that sees God as operating in history and using man, as man permits him, to help accomplish his purpose."

"The Christian school would not slight the areas of knowledge, abilities, and appreciations," she continued, "but it believes it can make its greatest contribution in the field of motivations because in addition to the above areas it tries to answer man's basic religious urges — for fulfillment beyond the limitations of ordinary life, for self-transcendence, for confidence and communication at the deepest levels and for an answer to the problems of our time."

Speaking on the academic scope, Dr. Rouse said, "Liberal education is that which becomes free men, and its purpose should be to awaken and develop the innate spiritual and intellectual powers of the individual as a thinking, willing mature mind."

Stating that the highest purpose of education should be to produce individuals with minds trained to think independently by the abstract principle, she said "the first institutions of higher education sponsored by the churches were nurtured and developed in the liberal arts tradition."

Dr. McCarty, in discussing the religious scope, said "The purpose of the Christian college is no longer to educate a limited number of students for the Christian ministry, but to educate all students to minister as Christians."

View Expressed
He expressed the view that "the quality of religion is much more important than the quantity on the Christian college campus."

"The most important element in determining the religious scope of Christian higher education is the faculty," he declared. "Christian emphasis in Mississippi College is assured by faculty personal commitment in the Christian way of life, to their profession and to Mississippi College," he said.

In the area of church-denominational relations, Mr. Rainey said the college has a unique mission in that "the Christian faith is integrally connected with the content and development of thought in the natural sciences, the humanities, and the social sciences." "It provides both the framework and the content for an integrated world view," he remarked.

Speaking of college finances, Mr. Rainey said "that in view of its own resources and the many areas in which the Mississippi Baptist Convention seeks to minister, the convention has been most responsible in regard to the college and its needs." He added, however, that present sources of income are not adequate to meet the rising cost of education and suggested three alternatives that might help the situation.

VBS DEMAND EXCEEDS SPACE

This year for the first time the Baptist church in a Spanish town advertised its Vacation Bible School in the local newspaper. The result? A record number of children were registered, and others had to be turned away for lack of space, reports Rev. Thomas L. Law, Jr., missionary.



MARY SULLIVAN, age 16, has surrendered her life for Christian service, and hopes to work with girls and encourage them to be as active in Girls' Auxiliary as she has been. Mary is Queen-Regent-in-Service, at First Church, Petal, Rev. W. A. Fordham, pastor. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sullivan, she is a junior at Petal High School. (Mrs. John Martin, Jr. is her GA director, and Mrs. Cary McCoy, Jr. is her intermediate GA counselor.)



MILLARD DAVID MACKEY was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Crystal Springs, on Sept. 4. He grew up in this church and became a Christian at an early age. He is a senior at William Carey College. He spent the summer of 1965 as a student missionary in Montana, under the Home Mission Board. He is the son of Mr. M. D. Mackey and the late M. D. Mackey.

The essence of missionary theory and practice can be reduced to a very concise formula: to be like Jesus, in attitudes, words, and deeds.—Hoke Smith, Jr.

"Impact Revival" Set For Guyana

A big tent will soon be going up at Bourda Green, a park in the center of Georgetown, capital of Guyana. "Many famous speakers have been made in this park," writes Mrs. Otis W. Brady, missionary, "but none so famous and needed as the good news of God in Christ Jesus which will be presented there October 1-16."

These are the dates of the "Impact Revival" in Georgetown, the first major evangelistic effort planned by Baptists of Guyana since Mr. and Mrs. Brady began Southern Baptist mission work there late in 1962.

Evangelist for the meetings will be John Bisagno, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., and music leader will be Wallace Cobb, of First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M. (Julian C. Bridges, missionary to Mexico, will spend the last week of September and first week of October speaking in the high schools, college, and university of Georgetown.)

Ministers Add Three Members To Association

Three new members were added to Lebanon Baptist Ministers Assn. roster at their recent meeting at University Church, Hattiesburg. They are Rev. Ed Onley, Ridgecrest Church, pastor; Rev. Robert Jones, Providence Church pastor; and Rev. Charles Coney, Zion pastor.

Rev. J. Harold Stephens, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Jewell Conniff and Rev. Louis Farmer, Jr., BSU directors of Carey College and the University of Southern Mississippi, respectively.

They spoke on what churches and pastors can do to minister to students. Both said there will be more than 3000 Baptist students on the campuses in Hattiesburg this year.

Rev. Joe L. Small conducted the devotional. The next meeting Oct. 3 will be at Southside



Dr. Ira Eavenson

Eavenson Reaches 50th Milestone

Sunday, September 18, marked the 50th anniversary of Dr. Ira Eavenson's preaching of his first sermon. In 1916, at Coldwater, Mississippi, he surrendered to the gospel ministry.

A large part of his ministry has been in the Delta of Mississippi, with pastorates at Tunica, Cleveland, and Marks, plus a seven-year period of regular supply preaching and interim pastorates in his retirement. Other ministries have included a time of foreign mission service to China and a time in the military chaplaincy.

First Church, Marks, honored Dr. Eavenson with a special edition of their Sunday bulletin, on September 18. (Rev. John B. Daley is pastor there now.) Eavenson still makes his home in Marks, but is serving a second interim pastorate at Crowder.

Churches In The News

Mt. Vernon Church (West) recently held a service of dedication for new improvements and equipment, including a public address system and nursery. Participating in the special service was the pastor, Rev. Jerry Tate, and the church congregation.

Church, Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor.

Mt. Zion Enters Development Ministry

Mt. Zion Church, Walnut Grove, has entered the 1966-67 Southern Baptist Church Development Ministry, the pastor, Rev. Richard C. McMillan, has announced.

Sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the plan is to stimulate interest in church work. Participating churches in a recently year recorded twice as many baptisms per member as the Southern Baptist Convention average.

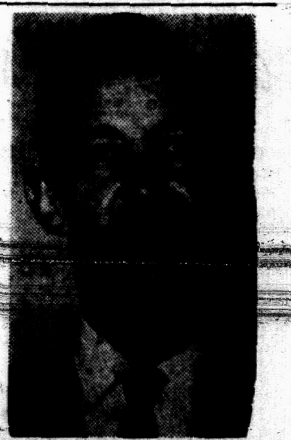
Each participating church selects projects relating to the local church, the local community, and world-wide missions.

Pastors recognized for their achievement receive a parchment scroll and churches recognized for their achievement receive a plaque. A RECORD OF PROGRESS book is made under the direction of a special committee. The books are the basis for judging.



BYRON PRESLEY HOWELL was licensed to the gospel ministry September 15 at First Church, Fulton. Rev. W. M. Daves, pastor, presented the license. Byron is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Howell of Pontotoc. He is presently a sophomore at Hiram Junior College and president of the Baptist Student Union.

I know what I am doing is just a drop in the bucket—but it is in the bucket.—Alice (Mrs. W. Dewey) Moore, Italy



Rev. Bob Louk

Florida Church Calls Louk

The Rev. Bob Louk has been called as pastor of the Tenth Avenue Church, Tampa, Florida. He moved from Pascagoula, where he served as pastor of Orange Grove Church.

He attended New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La., receiving a certificate. In 1955 he received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College. In 1959 he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Since that time he has served as pastor in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. His wife is the former Christine Powell of Laurel. She received the B. A. Degree from Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, and is presently in the position as teacher at the Turkey Creek High School in the Hillsborough School System.

They have three children: Betty 10, David 8, and John 7.

Clinton Church Ordains Everett

Rev. Walter Michael Everett was ordained to the full gospel ministry on August 21, by the Clinton Church.

Mr. Everett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Everett of Jacksonville Beach, Florida. He is a junior at Mississippi College.

He was called July 30 as pastor of the Woodland Church at Woodland.